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## SUMMARY

### *Decrease in Crimes Against Persons.*

During 1938, there were decreases in the number of murders, man-slaughters, rapes, and other felonious assaults as compared with 1937. However, the 1938 rape figure is higher than for all preceding years of this decade except 1937. On the other hand, the 1938 figure for criminal homicide is lower than for all prior years of this decade.

### *Increase in Crimes of Burglary and Larceny.*

Crimes of burglary and larceny increased in frequency during 1938 as compared with 1937. The increase in larceny was moderately substantial, amounting to 5.7 percent. However, the increase in burglary was considerably smaller amounting to 1.5 percent. On the other hand, decreases were shown for robbery and auto theft. Compared with 1937, robberies decreased 0.9 percent and auto thefts 12.7 percent.

### *Monthly Variations in Crimes.*

Monthly figures for 1938 show that generally property crimes are most frequently committed during the first and fourth quarters of the year, with low points in the second and third quarters, but crimes

against the person tend to show highest frequency during hot summer months. Murders occurred most frequently in July.

***Distribution of Crimes by Type.***

More than one-half (56.6 percent) of the crimes were larcenies, 22.7 percent burglaries, 12.5 percent auto thefts, and 4.0 percent robberies, making a total of 95.8 percent committed for the purpose of obtaining property. The remaining 4.2 percent consisted of homicides, rapes, and other felonious assaults. Approximately one-half of the places burglarized were residences, 33.0 percent of which were entered in the daytime. With reference to both residence and nonresidence burglaries, it was found that 19 percent occurred during the daytime.

One-fifth of the larcenies consisted of thefts of personal property from automobiles, 14 percent were thefts of bicycles, and 14 percent were thefts of automobile accessories. Eleven percent of the larcenies involved thefts of property valued in excess of \$50; 65 percent involved property ranging from \$5 to \$50 in value; and the property was valued at less than \$5 per offense in the remaining 24 percent of the thefts. The average value of property stolen per offense was: Robbery, \$88.95; Burglary, \$63.52; Larceny, \$29.56. Recoveries of stolen automobiles amounted to 93.6 percent. Exclusive of automobiles, 21.5 percent of stolen property was recovered.

***Geographic Distribution of Crimes.***

The crime data have been arranged to make possible comparisons between local data and average figures for cities of the same size located in the same section of the United States. National averages for cities grouped by size, and State crime rates are also presented, together with figures for individual cities with population in excess of 25,000.

***Persons Arrested.***

Fingerprint cards representing 554,376 arrests during 1938 reveal that 18.8 percent of the persons arrested were under 21 years of age. During 1937, only 18.0 percent of the persons arrested were less than 21 years old.

There were more arrests for age 21 than for any other single age group. During 1937, age 22 showed the largest number of arrests.

Persons under 21 years of age numbered 31.5 percent of the total arrests for crimes against property (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement and fraud, forgery and counterfeiting, receiving stolen property, and arson). Persons less than 25 years old numbered 54.5 percent of those charged with robbery, 62.3 percent of those charged with burglary, 49.6 percent of those charged with larceny, and 73.2 percent of those charged with auto theft.

Women were represented by 37,780 (6.8 percent) of the records examined.

There were 150,021 persons arrested during 1938 whose records revealed they had been previously convicted of 372,939 offenses (169,319 major crimes and 203,620 less serious violations).

**CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES**

The term "offenses known to the police" is designed to include those crimes designated as part I classes of the uniform classification occurring within the police jurisdiction, whether they become known to the police through reports of police officers, of citizens, of prosecuting



or court officials, or otherwise. They are confined to the following group of seven classes of grave offenses, shown by experience to be those most generally and completely reported to the police: Criminal homicide, including (a) murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, and (b) manslaughter by negligence; rape; robbery; aggravated assault; burglary—breaking or entering; larceny—theft; and auto theft. The figures contained herein include also the number of attempted crimes of the designated classes. Attempted murders, however, are reported as aggravated assaults. In other words, an attempted burglary or robbery, for example, is reported in the bulletin in the same manner as if the crime had been completed.

"Offenses known to the police" include, therefore, all of the above offenses, including attempts, which are reported by the police departments of contributing cities and not merely arrests or cleared cases. Complaints which upon investigation are learned to be groundless are not included in the tabulations which follow.

In order to indicate more clearly the types of offenses included in each group, there follows a brief definition of each classification:

1. *Criminal homicide.*—(a) Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter—includes all felonious homicides except those caused by negligence. Does not include attempts to kill, assaults to kill, justifiable homicides, suicides, or accidental deaths. (b) Manslaughter by negligence—includes only those cases in which death is caused by culpable negligence which is so clearly evident that if the person responsible for the death were apprehended he would be prosecuted for manslaughter.

2. *Rape.*—Includes forcible rape, statutory rape, assault to rape, and attempted rape.

3. *Robbery.*—Includes stealing or taking anything of value from the person by force or violence or by putting in fear, such as highway robbery, stick-ups, robbery armed. Includes assault to rob and attempt to rob.

4. *Aggravated assault.*—Includes assault with intent to kill; assault by shooting, cutting, stabbing, maiming, poisoning, scalding, or by use of acids. Does not include simple assault, assault and battery, fighting, etc.

5. *Burglary—breaking or entering.*—Includes burglary, housebreaking, safe-cracking, or any unlawful entry to commit a felony or theft. Includes attempted burglary and assault to commit a burglary. Burglary followed by a larceny is entered here and is not counted again under larceny.

6. *Larceny—thft (except auto theft).*—(a) Fifty dollars and over in value. (b) Under \$50 in value—includes in one of the above subclassifications, depending upon the value of the property stolen, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, shop-lifting, or any stealing of property or thing of value which is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Does not include embezzlement, "con" games, forgery, passing worthless checks, etc.

7. *Auto theft.*—Includes all cases where a motor vehicle is stolen or driven away and abandoned, including the so-called "joy-riding" thefts. Does not include taking for temporary use when actually returned by the taker, or unauthorized use by those having lawful access to the vehicle.

In publishing the data sent in by chiefs of police in different cities, the F B I does not vouch for their accuracy. They are given out as current information which may throw some light on problems of crime and criminal-law enforcement.

In compiling the tables, returns which were apparently incomplete or otherwise defective were excluded.

#### **Extent of Reporting Area.**

In the table which follows there is shown the number of police departments from which one or more crime reports were received during the calendar year 1938. Information is presented for the cities divided according to size. The population figures employed

are estimates as of July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census for cities with population in excess of 10,000. No estimates were available, however, for those with a smaller number of inhabitants, and, accordingly, for them the figures listed in the 1930 decennial census were used.

Population group	Total number of cities or towns	Cities filing returns		Total population	Population represented in returns	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Total.....	982	917	93.4	60,265,719	58,933,834	97.6
1. Cities over 250,000.....	37	37	100.0	29,695,500	29,695,500	100.0
2. Cities 100,000 to 250,000.....	57	57	100.0	7,850,312	7,850,312	100.0
3. Cities 50,000 to 100,000.....	104	101	97.1	6,980,407	6,781,874	97.2
4. Cities 25,000 to 50,000.....	181	179	99.7	6,638,544	6,213,968	93.6
5. Cities 10,000 to 25,000.....	593	543	91.6	9,100,956	8,392,180	92.2

NOTE.—The above table does not include 1,745 cities and rural townships aggregating a total population of 8,622,138. The cities included in this figure are those of less than 10,000 population filing returns, whereas the rural townships are of varying population groups.

The growth in the crime reporting area is evidenced by the following figures for 1930–38:

Year	Number of cities	Population	Year	Number of cities	Population
1930.....	1,127	45,929,965	1935.....	2,156	64,615,330
1931.....	1,511	51,145,734	1936.....	2,318	65,639,430
1932.....	1,578	53,212,230	1937.....	2,429	66,279,967
1933.....	1,658	62,357,262	1938.....	2,662	67,555,972
1934.....	1,799	62,757,643			

The foregoing comparison shows that during 1938 there was an increase of 233 cities as compared with 1937, the population represented by those cities being 1,275,985.

In addition to the 2,662 city and village police departments which submitted crime reports during 1938, one or more reports were received during that year from 1,612 sheriffs and State police organizations and from 9 agencies in Territories and possessions of the United States. This makes a grand total of 4,283 agencies contributing crime reports during 1938.

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## MONTHLY RETURNS

### *Offenses Known to the Police—Cities Divided According to Population.*

In table 74 there is presented the number of offenses known to have been committed during the calendar year 1938. These figures are based on reports received from police departments in 1,929 cities, representing a combined population of 62,463,295. The figures are also presented for the cities divided into six groups according to size.

The compilation discloses that the number of offenses committed per unit of population is higher in the large cities than in the comparatively smaller communities. This distribution of the crimes is similar to the distribution shown in tabulations for prior years.

More than two-thirds of the crimes listed in the following table consist of larcenies (56.6 percent) and auto thefts (12.5 percent). Burglaries and robberies represented 26.7 percent of the crimes listed in the table. The foregoing crimes are classed as offenses against property and constitute 95.8 percent of the total offenses. The remaining crimes, murder, manslaughter, rape, and aggravated assault, are classed as offenses against the person and constitute 4.2 percent of the total. In spite of the small percentage of offenses against the person, it will be seen from the table that 3,296 murders, 2,760 manslaughters, 5,186 rapes, and 27,739 aggravated assaults were reported by the police departments of the cities represented in the compilation. Estimates of the total number of such crimes committed in the United States during 1938 will be found in table 88. A percentage distribution of the crimes shown in table 74 is presented below.

Offense	Rate per 100,000	Percent	Offense	Rate per 100,000	Percent
Total.....	1,499.6	100.0	Robbery.....	59.3	4.0
Larceny.....	849.2	56.6	Aggravated assault.....	44.5	3.0
Burglary.....	340.2	22.7	Rape.....	8.3	.6
Auto theft.....	188.2	12.5	Murder.....	5.3	.3
			Manslaughter.....	4.6	.3

The majority of the cities represented made separate reports of the larcenies in which the property stolen was valued at \$50 or more. A compilation showing the larcenies divided according to the value of the property stolen yields the following figures:

Population group	Larceny—thrift		Population group	Larceny—thrift	
	\$50 and over in value	Under \$50 in value		\$50 and over in value	Under \$50 in value
31 cities over 250,000; total population, 20,288,800:			55 cities, 100,000 to 250,000; total population 7,586,612:		
Number of offenses known.....	20,678	148,410	Number of offenses known.....	6,681	67,931
Rate per 100,000.....	101.9	731.5	Rate per 100,000.....	88.1	895.4

There were 243,700 larcenies classified according to the value of the property involved, and the preceding figures reveal that 27,359 (11.2 percent) were cases in which the value of the property exceeded \$50.

TABLE 74.—*Offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1938; number and rate per 100,000 inhabitants, by population groups*

[Population as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Population group	Criminal homicide		Rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary—breaking or entering	Larceny—thrift	Auto theft
	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Manslaughter by negligence						
GROUP I								
36 cities over 250,000; total population, 29,375,000:								
Number of offenses known.....	1,631	1,745	2,946	23,651	14,259	75,749	187,889	51,990
Rate per 100,000.....	5.6	6.3	10.0	80.5	48.5	374.1	927.9	233.7
GROUP II								
57 cities, 100,000 to 250,000; total population, 7,850,312:								
Number of offenses known.....	564	353	511	4,320	4,215	31,711	76,930	16,738
Rate per 100,000.....	7.2	4.6	6.5	55.0	54.6	415.5	980.0	213.2
GROUP III								
94 cities, 50,000 to 100,000; total population, 6,347,454:								
Number of offenses known.....	368	217	420	3,323	3,629	22,595	59,172	11,666
Rate per 100,000.....	5.8	3.4	6.6	52.4	57.2	356.0	932.2	183.8
GROUP IV								
171 cities, 25,000 to 50,000; total population, 5,964,568:								
Number of offenses known.....	217	154	395	2,027	1,997	19,490	51,629	10,070
Rate per 100,000.....	3.6	2.6	6.6	34.0	33.7	326.8	865.6	168.8
GROUP V								
451 cities, 10,000 to 25,000; total population, 7,635,700:								
Number of offenses known.....	260	117	464	2,110	2,175	17,930	49,029	8,550
Rate per 100,000.....	3.7	1.7	6.6	30.0	31.0	254.8	696.9	121.5
GROUP VI								
1,120 cities under 10,000; total population, 5,889,361:								
Number of offenses known.....	256	171	450	1,593	1,464	13,205	28,277	5,139
Rate per 100,000.....	4.3	2.9	7.6	27.0	24.9	224.2	480.1	87.3
TOTAL, GROUPS I-VI								
1,929 cities; total population, 62,463,295:								
Number of offenses known.....	3,296	2,760	5,186	37,024	27,739	180,683	452,926	104,093
Rate per 100,000.....	5.3	4.6	8.3	59.3	44.5	340.2	849.2	188.2

<sup>1</sup> The number of offenses and rate for manslaughter by negligence are based on reports as follows: Group I, 34 cities, total population, 27,647,400; group II, 56 cities, total population, 7,726,812; groups I-VI, 1,926 cities, total population, 60,611,595.

<sup>2</sup> The number of offenses and rate for burglary are based on reports as follows: Group I, 34 cities, total population, 20,248,600; group II, 56 cities, total population, 7,632,512; groups I-VI, 1,926 cities, total population, 53,118,495.

<sup>3</sup> The number of offenses and rate for larceny-theft are based on reports as follows: Group I, 34 cities, total population, 20,248,600; groups I-VI, 1,927 cities, total population, 53,336,295.

<sup>4</sup> The number of offenses and rate for auto theft are based on reports as follows: Group I, 35 cities, total population, 22,221,300; groups I-VI, 1,928 cities, total population, 55,308,908.

<sup>5</sup> The number of offenses and rate for aggravated assault are based on reports as follows: Group II, 56 cities, total population, 7,726,812; group IV, 170 cities, total population, 5,962,598; group V, 450 cities, total population, 7,021,900; groups I-VI, 1,926 cities, total population, 62,293,725.

**Monthly Trends, Offenses Known to the Police (Daily Average), 1938.**

Monthly variations in the number of crimes committed during 1938 are indicated in table 75. These figures are based on reports received from 93 cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants and show the average number of the various offenses which occurred daily during the months indicated. The second portion of table 75 sets forth a seasonal variation in the daily average of offenses.

This table indicates that offenses of murder occurred most frequently during the month of July and that the daily average number of offenses of aggravated assault was highest during the month of August.

All offenses against property (robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft) show generally similar monthly trends. The highest points for these offenses were in the first and fourth quarters of the year, the lowest averages being during the summer months.

Generally speaking the figures below indicate that offenses against the person usually reach their peak during the hot summer months and offenses against property are usually highest during the winter. These seasonal variations shown by the 1938 data are similar to the trends reflected by the figures for 1937.

The fluctuation in the 1938 figures for individual types of crimes may be readily noted in figure 8.

TABLE 75.—*Monthly trends, offenses known to the police (daily average), 1938, 93 cities over 100,000 in population, January to December, inclusive, 1938*

[Total population, 37,225,912, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Month	Criminal homicide		Rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault <sup>2</sup>	Burglary—breaking or entering <sup>3</sup>	Larceny— theft <sup>4</sup>	Auto theft <sup>5</sup>
	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Manslaughter by negligence <sup>1</sup>						
January.....	5.4	6.6	9.2	102.9	42.3	352.8	747.9	203.1
February.....	6.4	5.5	10.4	98.9	45.3	350.2	740.2	202.3
March.....	6.2	5.7	9.0	82.9	47.7	318.4	732.5	200.4
April.....	5.4	5.3	10.0	69.4	49.3	292.2	705.1	187.7
May.....	6.1	4.2	9.6	66.5	54.1	274.0	681.2	178.2
June.....	5.3	5.2	9.7	63.0	52.4	271.5	683.6	166.9
July.....	7.0	5.0	9.3	61.9	55.8	272.8	646.6	163.2
August.....	6.3	4.0	10.4	60.4	59.6	272.0	689.3	169.2
September.....	6.4	5.0	9.5	65.0	54.2	296.2	710.3	187.8
October.....	6.1	5.5	9.7	71.6	51.8	283.3	757.0	193.7
November.....	5.3	6.7	8.7	76.1	47.5	282.3	793.7	197.5
December.....	6.2	10.3	8.2	102.1	46.9	320.6	820.0	206.2
January to March.....	6.0	6.0	9.5	94.8	45.1	340.1	740.2	201.9
April to June.....	5.6	4.9	9.8	66.3	52.0	279.2	689.9	177.6
July to September.....	6.6	4.7	9.7	62.4	56.5	270.4	681.7	173.3
October to December.....	5.9	7.5	8.9	83.4	48.7	288.8	790.2	199.6
January to December.....	6.0	6.8	9.5	76.6	50.6	294.4	725.5	188.1

<sup>1</sup> Daily averages for manslaughter by negligence are based on reports of 90 cities with a total population of 35,374,212.

<sup>2</sup> Daily averages for aggravated assault are based on reports of 92 cities with a total population of 37,102,412.

<sup>3</sup> Daily averages for burglary are based on reports of 90 cities with a total population of 27,881,112.

<sup>4</sup> Daily averages for larceny are based on reports of 91 cities with a total population of 28,098,912.

<sup>5</sup> Daily averages for auto theft are based on reports of 92 cities with a total population of 30,071,612.

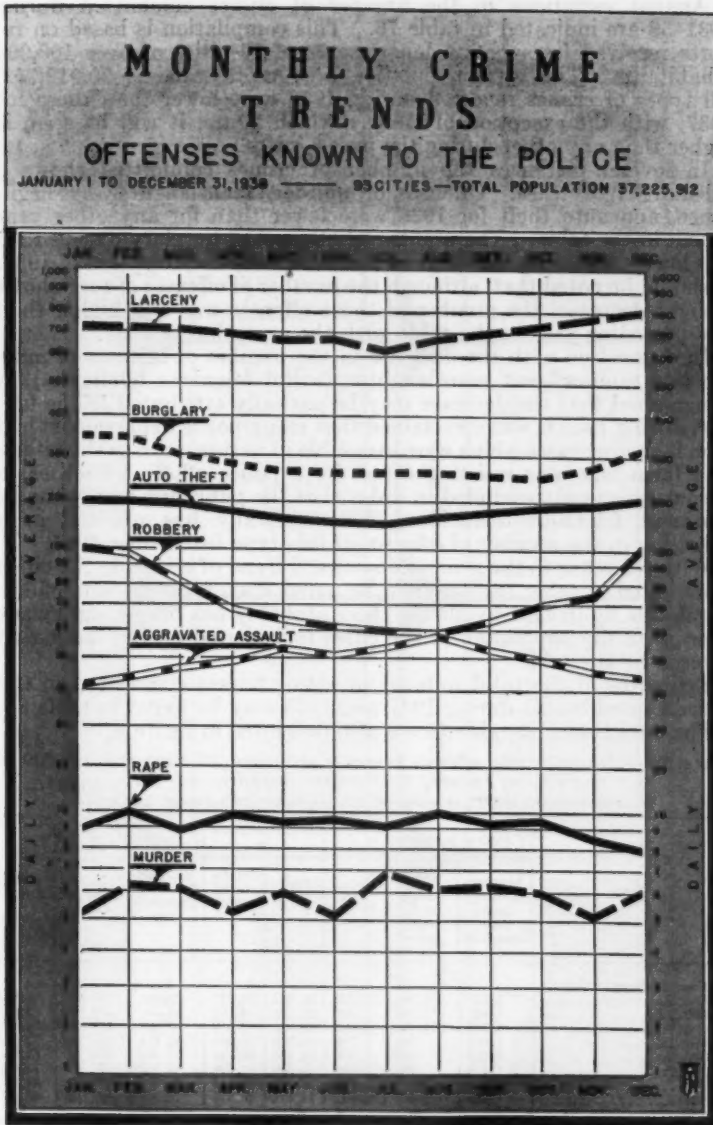


FIGURE 8.



*Annual Trends, Offenses Known to the Police, 1931-38.*

Annual variations in the number of crimes committed during 1931-38 are indicated in table 76. This compilation is based on reports received from police departments of 73 cities of over 100,000 inhabitants. The total population area represented is 20,912,712. All types of crimes reported during 1938 were lower than those for 1937, with the exception of larceny which figure, it will be seen, is higher than any other during the past 8 years.

In several instances the number of crimes committed shows a substantial decrease. Offenses of murder, manslaughter by negligence, and auto theft for 1938 were fewer than for any other year shown in the table. The number of offenses of burglary during 1938 was lower than any other year in the table with the exception of 1936. It should be noted that, although the number of offenses of rape shows a slight decrease, the number of those offenses was still higher than any preceding year in the table with the exception of 1937.

In connection with the decrease in the number of offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter (wilful felonious homicides), it is suggested that the decrease may be partially attributed to the fact that during 1935 it was ascertained that many police departments had been including cases which were excusable in nature, such as the killing of a felon who was resisting arrest by a police officer. Such cases were subsequently excluded in order that the published figures might represent felonious homicides. This naturally has resulted in a reduction in the number of offenses of this type listed since 1935.

With reference to the general downward trend of crimes in the cities represented in table 76, it should be noted that, although no definite population figures are available, there probably has been a significant increase in the population of the cities represented during the period covered by the table.

Estimates of the total number of major crimes committed in the entire United States during 1937 and 1938 may be found in table 88.

The data shown in table 76 are also presented in figure 9.

TABLE 76.—*Annual trends, offenses known to the police, 73 cities over 100,000 in population, January to December, inclusive, 1931-38*

[Total population 20,912,712, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Year	Criminal homicide		Rape	Rob- bery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Lar- ceny— theft	Auto theft
	Murder, nonneg- ligent man- slaughter	Man- slaughter by negli- gence						
Number of offenses known:								
1931	1,630	1,504	1,273	21,887	11,137	78,983	165,630	95,894
1932	1,637	1,170	1,306	20,784	9,792	84,340	168,782	81,867
1933	1,761	1,396	1,324	19,961	12,079	87,202	180,876	78,396
1934	1,613	935	1,398	16,973	11,205	82,813	181,713	72,144
1935	1,422	930	1,596	14,204	10,731	75,532	179,102	61,881
1936	1,418	995	1,681	13,339	11,598	67,352	170,432	53,662
1937	1,456	1,180	1,910	15,381	11,046	71,936	189,428	54,848
1938	1,282	821	1,877	14,424	10,943	70,677	193,788	46,756
Daily average:								
1931	4.5	4.1	3.5	60.0	30.5	216.4	453.8	262.7
1932	4.5	3.2	3.6	56.8	26.8	230.4	461.2	223.7
1933	4.8	3.8	3.6	54.7	33.1	238.9	495.6	214.8
1934	4.4	2.6	3.8	46.5	30.7	226.9	497.8	197.7
1935	3.9	2.5	4.4	38.9	29.4	206.9	490.7	169.5
1936	3.9	2.7	4.6	36.4	31.7	184.0	465.7	146.6
1937	4.0	3.2	5.2	42.1	30.3	197.1	519.0	150.3
1938	3.5	2.2	5.1	39.5	30.0	193.6	530.9	128.1



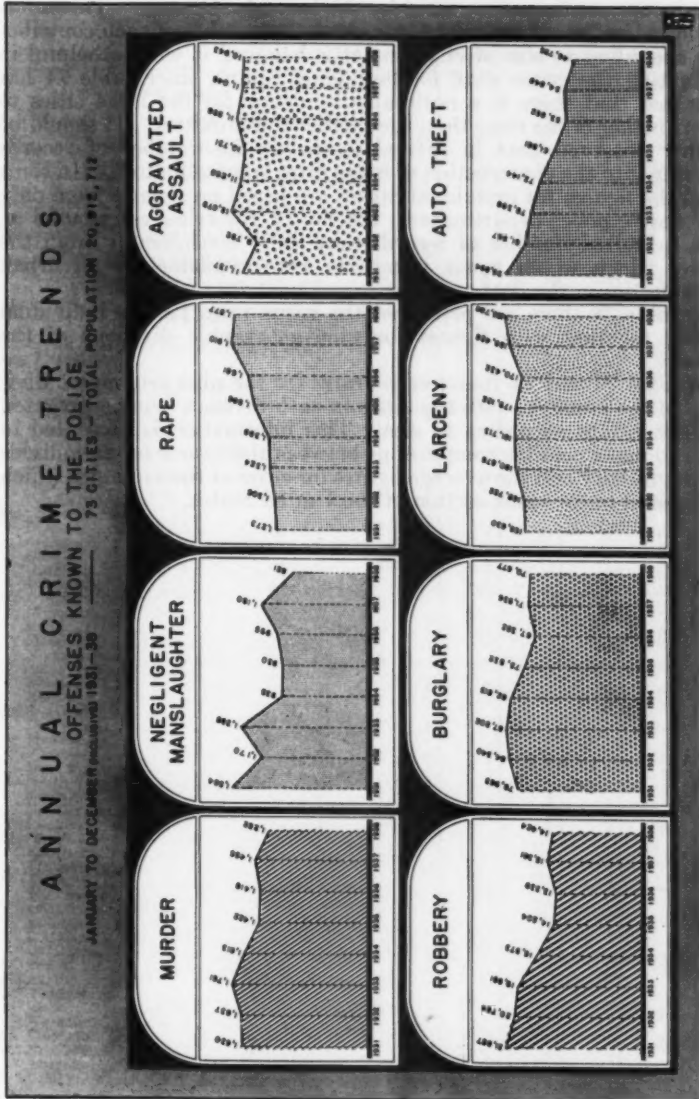


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***Offenses Known to the Police—Cities Divided According to Location.***

In table 77 there is presented information regarding the number of police departments whose reports were employed in the preparation of figures representing crime rates for the individual States. This information is included here in order to show the number of such contributors according to size of city, and it is believed it will be helpful in evaluating the crime data for individual States, since table 74 has indicated that there is a noticeable tendency for the large cities to report higher crime rates than the smaller communities. It should be further observed that in several instances the number of records entering into the construction of State rates is quite limited. In some cases the figures for individual States are based on reports from only four or five police departments. Obviously, the crime rates based on such a limited number of records may differ considerably from the figures which would result if reports were available for all urban communities in the State.

In table 78 there are presented the crime rates for the individual States, together with figures for nine geographic divisions of the country.

In table 79 may be found crime rates for the nine geographic divisions of the country, with the cities in each division being segregated into six groups according to size. This information is presented in order to make possible comparisons between the figures for an individual community and the average figures for cities of the same size which are located in the same section of the United States.

TABLE 77.—Number of cities in each State included in the tabulation of uniform crime reports, January to December, inclusive, 1938

Division and State	Population						Total
	Over 250,000	100,000 to 250,000	50,000 to 100,000	25,000 to 50,000	10,000 to 25,000	Less than 10,000	
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION							
New England: 169 cities; total population, 5,764,403	2	12	13	27	58	57	169
Middle Atlantic: 494 cities; total population, 18,506,819	6	11	18	29	125	305	494
East North Central: 481 cities; total population, 16,319,453	9	10	26	53	96	287	481
West North Central: 233 cities; total population, 5,092,603	4	5	7	10	55	152	233
South Atlantic: 137 cities; total population, 4,589,846	3	6	13	16	26	73	137
East South Central: 57 cities; total population, 1,959,858	3	3	2	5	19	25	57
West South Central: 113 cities; total population, 3,475,051	3	5	7	11	23	64	113
Mountain: 79 cities; total population, 1,240,235	1	1	2	6	14	55	79
Pacific: 166 cities; total population, 5,515,027	5	4	6	14	35	102	166
New England:							
Maine.....			1	1	6	10	18
New Hampshire.....			1	2	3	6	12
Vermont.....				1	1	7	9
Massachusetts.....	1	8	8	12	36	27	92
Rhode Island.....	1		2	4	5	3	15
Connecticut.....		4	1	7	7	4	23
Middle Atlantic:							
New York.....	3	4	5	11	44	105	172
New Jersey.....	1	4	5	9	28	65	112
Pennsylvania.....	2	3	8	9	53	135	210
East North Central:							
Ohio.....	5	3	4	15	30	82	139
Indiana.....	1	4	3	9	11	28	56
Illinois.....	1	1	8	14	27	83	134
Michigan.....	1	2	8	7	17	60	95
Wisconsin.....	1		3	8	11	34	57
West North Central:							
Minnesota.....	2	1			11	51	65
Iowa.....		1	3	5	9	34	52
Missouri.....	2		2	2	8	18	32
North Dakota.....				1	3	4	8
South Dakota.....				1	5	5	11
Nebraska.....		1	1		6	16	24
Kansas.....		2	1	1	13	24	41
South Atlantic:							
Delaware.....		1				3	4
Maryland.....	1			2	3	4	10
Virginia.....		2	1	5	5	13	26
West Virginia.....			3	1	4	16	24
North Carolina.....			5	2	6	8	21
South Carolina.....			1	2	1	4	8
Georgia.....	1		3	1	3	6	14
Florida.....		3		3	4	19	29
East South Central:							
Kentucky.....	1			3	5	8	17
Tennessee.....	1	3			3	7	14
Alabama.....	1		1	1	2	9	14
Mississippi.....			1	1	9	1	12
West South Central:							
Arkansas.....			1	1	3	7	12
Louisiana.....	1		1	2	4	8	16
Oklahoma.....		2		2	6	22	32
Texas.....	2	3	5	6	10	27	53
Mountain:							
Montana.....				2	2	8	12
Idaho.....					2	10	12
Wyoming.....					2	3	5
Colorado.....	1		1	1	5	10	18
New Mexico.....				1	2	5	8
Arizona.....			1	1		6	8
Utah.....		1		1		9	11
Nevada.....					1	4	5
Pacific:							
Washington.....	1	2		2	8	11	24
Oregon.....	1			1	4	12	18
California.....	3	2	6	11	23	79	124

1 Includes District of Columbia.

TABLE 78.—Number of offenses known to the police per 100,000 inhabitants, January to December, inclusive, 1938, by States

Division and State	Murder, nonnegligent man- slaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Burglary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny —theft	Auto theft
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
New England.....	1.1	18.2	10.4	252.8	527.8	171.2
Middle Atlantic.....	3.2	26.2	35.0	<sup>1</sup> 208.6	<sup>1</sup> 426.7	<sup>3</sup> 134.2
East North Central.....	3.7	91.7	32.6	319.0	806.4	141.9
West North Central.....	3.6	49.1	14.6	<sup>2</sup> 267.7	840.4	178.3
South Atlantic <sup>4</sup> .....	15.5	86.9	<sup>5</sup> 154.4	479.5	<sup>1</sup> 1,195.2	253.9
East South Central.....	22.1	99.8	<sup>6</sup> 159.8	500.6	870.5	211.8
West South Central.....	12.9	57.5	78.0	420.9	1,221.0	175.3
Mountain.....	5.1	62.5	22.2	418.5	1,266.9	252.2
Pacific.....	3.8	89.6	30.4	540.5	1,414.4	391.5
New England:						
Maine.....	2.4	11.0	6.7	288.8	495.4	98.2
New Hampshire.....	1.4	5.3	6.3	163.9	298.4	58.3
Vermont.....	2.3	10.1	1.1	100.3	444.2	80.0
Massachusetts.....	.8	22.5	11.5	259.0	324.4	206.6
Rhode Island.....	.8	6.5	6.7	163.6	461.9	77.1
Connecticut.....	1.9	16.0	12.1	346.9	699.0	165.8
Middle Atlantic:						
New York.....	3.0	16.1	33.7	<sup>7</sup> 169.8	<sup>7</sup> 459.4	<sup>7</sup> 107.2
New Jersey.....	3.1	31.6	52.3	279.2	559.4	141.0
Pennsylvania.....	3.5	43.3	30.1	<sup>8</sup> 199.5	<sup>8</sup> 304.9	148.6
East North Central:						
Ohio.....	4.6	62.8	29.9	366.9	979.0	161.3
Indiana.....	5.1	88.3	52.3	358.8	957.7	219.9
Illinois.....	4.1	144.5	34.7	312.4	490.9	99.9
Michigan.....	2.3	62.5	34.5	313.1	1,122.5	165.9
Wisconsin.....	1.4	12.9	6.4	162.7	677.8	100.2
West North Central:						
Minnesota.....	1.1	42.3	9.5	251.2	754.7	210.3
Iowa.....	1.7	30.9	10.1	228.2	802.9	173.1
Missouri.....	6.3	75.7	17.0	262.6	941.2	180.7
North Dakota.....	2.1	29.9	28.8	252.7	600.6	186.5
South Dakota.....	.8	9.2	9.2	229.9	785.2	156.9
Nebraska.....	3.3	23.7	17.0	<sup>9</sup> 184.0	436.2	144.9
Kansas.....	4.7	44.3	20.9	405.8	1,129.4	142.7
South Atlantic:						
Delaware.....	5.9	26.8	67.1	481.4	694.3	183.7
Maryland.....	6.6	76.6	83.1	305.8	567.8	291.7
Virginia.....	17.0	84.3	201.1	524.6	1,438.5	281.5
West Virginia.....	7.2	92.1	138.6	333.8	682.4	143.2
North Carolina.....	19.6	70.3	<sup>10</sup> 326.4	516.2	1,171.2	215.1
South Carolina.....	18.6	45.0	116.9	316.1	1,315.9	158.1
Georgia.....	26.0	98.4	119.7	613.1	1,534.1	298.5
Florida.....	23.6	91.2	184.7	720.3	1,688.8	194.8
East South Central:						
Kentucky.....	13.8	108.6	147.7	636.0	1,126.8	236.9
Tennessee.....	26.7	135.6	<sup>11</sup> 234.4	473.3	786.1	242.7
Alabama.....	22.8	50.1	91.9	412.3	552.8	152.6
Mississippi.....	22.3	32.0	51.5	363.2	736.1	84.9
West South Central:						
Arkansas.....	18.1	98.1	87.4	403.2	1,138.4	170.9
Louisiana.....	12.5	34.7	104.7	158.5	463.6	102.6
Oklahoma.....	8.2	87.8	66.6	577.2	1,371.6	137.9
Texas.....	14.3	54.3	78.5	457.6	1,488.8	218.6
Mountain:						
Montana.....	1.5	37.9	13.9	333.3	876.0	196.9
Idaho.....	2.0	34.4	13.7	409.3	1,375.1	250.3
Wyoming.....	3.3	34.6	16.5	275.2	1,548.7	159.8
Colorado.....	4.1	58.7	19.9	305.3	1,667.5	157.3
New Mexico.....	10.8	89.5	43.4	623.1	2,057.9	363.3
Arizona.....	19.9	148.1	52.9	656.0	1,746.3	330.3
Utah.....	2.3	53.4	16.7	550.1	1,114.7	344.7
Nevada.....	2.4	50.8	7.3	501.0	2,265.4	803.4
Pacific:						
Washington.....	3.8	60.7	23.2	566.4	1,319.7	293.0
Oregon.....	2.4	95.4	14.4	692.9	1,730.1	299.6
California.....	3.9	94.7	33.6	518.7	1,398.9	421.2

<sup>1</sup> The rates for burglary and larceny are based on the reports of 492 cities with a total population of 9,379,819.<sup>2</sup> The rate for auto theft is based on the reports of 493 cities with a total population of 11,357,519. <sup>3</sup> The rate for burglary is based on the reports of 232 cities with a total population of 4,574,813. <sup>4</sup> Includes report of District of Columbia. <sup>5</sup> The rate for aggravated assault is based on the reports of 135 cities with a total population of 4,534,776. <sup>6</sup> The rate for aggravated assault is based on the reports of 56 cities with a total population of 1,836,328. <sup>7</sup> The rates for burglary, larceny, and auto theft are based on reports of 171 cities.<sup>8</sup> The rates for burglary and larceny are based on reports of 209 cities. <sup>9</sup> The rate for burglary is based on reports of 23 cities. <sup>10</sup> The rate for aggravated assault is based on reports of 19 cities. <sup>11</sup> The rate for aggravated assault is based on reports of 10 cities.

TABLE 79.—Number of offenses known to the police per 100,000 inhabitants, January to December 1938, by geographic divisions and population groups

Geographic division and population group	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary—breaking or entering	Larceny—steal	Auto theft
New England:						
Group I.....	1.1	38.9	22.0	139.4	418.2	350.0
Group II.....	1.7	18.7	11.1	389.4	690.6	201.7
Group III.....	.8	17.6	3.6	257.4	550.5	134.6
Group IV.....	.7	13.3	5.6	284.2	580.6	128.5
Group V.....	.6	9.7	9.5	183.7	434.5	62.1
Group VI.....	1.9	8.5	7.7	175.5	535.2	45.7
Middle Atlantic:						
Group I.....	3.9	29.2	43.4	209.2	520.5	190.0
Group II.....	2.2	22.4	27.4	252.1	525.4	136.5
Group III.....	2.7	33.0	34.6	310.0	492.3	149.8
Group IV.....	1.6	20.2	22.6	221.0	472.5	115.8
Group V.....	1.7	17.3	16.1	160.2	330.8	84.6
Group VI.....	1.7	17.6	14.8	138.1	251.9	52.2
East North Central:						
Group I.....	4.9	136.1	43.4	353.4	885.0	138.9
Group II.....	5.2	64.4	43.4	347.7	988.3	201.6
Group III.....	2.2	59.4	20.8	315.6	824.7	169.8
Group IV.....	2.0	36.0	17.1	277.0	806.9	156.8
Group V.....	1.9	42.7	11.3	261.8	650.5	118.0
Group VI.....	1.4	24.4	15.9	198.9	335.4	69.5
West North Central:						
Group I.....	5.2	75.2	12.9	240.6	896.0	213.1
Group II.....	4.2	47.0	23.8	367.7	945.2	177.8
Group III.....	2.9	40.2	12.1	356.7	1,073.8	237.9
Group IV.....	1.7	32.1	9.0	307.5	980.8	175.2
Group V.....	2.2	26.6	16.3	264.8	824.0	141.3
Group VI.....	1.8	19.7	12.5	200.9	391.1	88.4
South Atlantic:						
Group I.....	11.9	113.3	101.2	453.9	1,048.4	352.3
Group II.....	19.4	104.7	265.5	689.8	1,658.2	291.8
Group III.....	18.8	78.1	211.6	459.9	1,340.0	195.3
Group IV.....	11.9	52.2	146.9	472.4	1,307.2	179.7
Group V.....	14.2	50.8	202.5	352.4	963.4	128.8
Group VI.....	21.0	48.9	106.6	368.6	613.8	139.4
East South Central:						
Group I.....	18.7	136.2	190.2	693.4	877.4	209.4
Group II.....	33.3	110.7	156.7	394.3	888.8	330.0
Group III.....	20.3	22.8	111.4	252.8	552.0	130.1
Group IV.....	17.9	55.2	116.4	479.8	1,104.1	156.5
Group V.....	16.3	43.1	100.0	239.0	669.8	125.1
Group VI.....	26.3	37.0	84.6	242.4	370.5	69.0
West South Central:						
Group I.....	17.2	47.6	80.0	380.1	1,297.1	191.4
Group II.....	11.4	102.7	80.7	563.4	1,475.4	203.1
Group III.....	10.3	50.6	137.3	371.3	1,255.5	182.6
Group IV.....	10.1	31.1	71.1	307.0	1,181.6	206.8
Group V.....	12.7	49.0	78.4	404.6	1,052.2	132.7
Group VI.....	11.1	37.1	39.3	330.0	676.8	78.0
Mountain:						
Group I.....	2.7	65.1	16.0	282.7	810.7	158.3
Group II.....	3.5	60.3	20.1	554.8	1,047.2	369.6
Group III.....	27.4	147.7	55.8	758.3	1,860.1	502.9
Group IV.....	2.4	71.9	20.9	567.9	1,693.6	413.0
Group V.....	2.5	54.1	20.8	367.7	1,878.0	268.4
Group VI.....	4.3	31.4	19.5	302.4	915.8	128.7
Pacific:						
Group I.....	4.3	114.4	38.7	589.1	1,355.6	497.3
Group II.....	3.5	55.7	26.9	496.8	1,359.7	284.7
Group III.....	2.2	98.9	17.5	563.6	1,943.6	289.7
Group IV.....	2.4	56.5	17.8	541.2	1,253.0	270.2
Group V.....	3.0	37.0	9.9	428.5	1,572.4	271.8
Group VI.....	4.3	57.9	30.1	408.7	1,327.8	219.0

<sup>1</sup> The rates for burglary and larceny are based on the reports of 4 cities.

<sup>2</sup> The rate for auto theft is based on the reports of 5 cities.

<sup>3</sup> The rate for burglary is based on the reports of 4 cities.

<sup>4</sup> Includes the District of Columbia.

<sup>5</sup> The rate for aggravated assault is based on the reports of 15 cities.

<sup>6</sup> The rate for aggravated assault is based on the reports of 25 cities.

<sup>7</sup> The rate for aggravated assault is based on the reports of 2 cities.

***Offenses in Individual Cities With More Than 25,000 Inhabitants.***

The number of offenses reported as having been committed during the calendar year 1938 is shown in table 80. The compilation includes the reports received from police departments in cities with more than 25,000 inhabitants. Such data are included here in order that interested individuals and organizations may have readily available up-to-date information concerning the amount of crime committed in their communities. Police administrators and other interested individuals will probably find it desirable to compare the crime rates of their cities with the average rates shown in tables 74 and 79 of this publication. Similarly, they will doubtless desire to make comparisons with the figures for their communities for prior periods, in order to determine whether there has been an increase or a decrease in the amount of crime committed.

With reference to the possibility of comparing the amount of crime in one city with the amount of reported crime in other individual communities, it is suggested that such comparisons be made with a great deal of caution, because differences in the figures may be due to a great variety of factors. The amount of crime committed in a community is not chargeable to the police but is rather a charge against the entire community. The following is a list of some of the factors which might affect the amount of crime in a community:

The composition of the population with reference particularly to age, sex, and race.

The economic status and activities of the population.

Climate.

Educational, recreational, and religious facilities.

The number of police employees per unit of population.

The standards governing appointments to the police force.

The policies of the prosecuting officials and the courts.

The attitude of the public toward law-enforcement problems.

Comparisons between the crime rates of individual cities should not be made without giving consideration to the above-mentioned factors. It should be noted that it is more important to determine whether the figures for a given community show increases or decreases in the amount of crime committed than to ascertain whether the figures are above or below those of some other community.

In examining a compilation of crime figures for individual communities it should be borne in mind that in view of the fact that the data are compiled by different record departments operating under separate and distinct administrative systems, it is entirely possible that there may be variations in the practices employed in classifying complaints of offenses. On the other hand, the crime reporting manual has been distributed to all contributors of crime reports, and the figures received are included in this bulletin only if they apparently have been compiled in accordance with the provisions of the manual, and the individual department has so indicated.

TABLE 80.—Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1938, cities over 25,000 in population

City	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary—breaking or entering	Larceny—thrift		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Abilene, Tex.	3	11	19	70	27	431	36
Akron, Ohio	4	136	148	1,096	217	1,389	345
Alameda, Calif.			2	79	6	237	28
Albany, N. Y.		20	33	237	50	628	213
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	1	35	4	251	39	718	183
Alhambra, Calif.		18		310	25	213	67
Albuquerque, Pa.	2	7	11	55	10	105	16
Allentown, Pa.	2	9	1	238	57	273	132
Alton, Ill.	2	8	20	125	8	216	34
Altoona, Pa.	2	7	3	208	23	165	76
Amarillo, Tex.	2	13	63	41	44	156	44
Amsterdam, N. Y.		5	3	85	16	131	27
Anderson, Ind.	1	5	2	124	56	100	103
Ann Arbor, Mich.		6		114	44	381	30
Appleton, Wis.			No reports received.				
Arlington, Mass.		5	2	80	10	85	18
Ashville, N. C.	1	33	272	262	96	500	73
Ashland, Ky.	1	10	8	88	11	218	41
Atlanta, Ga.	81	462	351	2,561	535	4,124	1,260
Atlantic City, N. J.	5	49	82	573	279	939	166
Auburn, N. Y.		3		12	12	220	15
Augusta, Ga.	11	20	89	318	50	831	69
Aurora, Ill.		23	10	69	39	102	61
Austin, Tex.	9	29	50	451	35	1,454	139
Bakersfield, Calif.	3	27	18	118	62	775	136
Baltimore, Md.	57	686	755	2,623	938	3,454	2,852
Bangor, Me.		7	1	78	19	228	30
Barberton, Ohio		28	2	67	6	51	9
Baton Rouge, La.	3	9	26	99	50	280	23
Battle Creek, Mich.		17	7	194	10	529	123
Bay City, Mich.	1	4	1	116	41	409	92
Bayonne, N. J.			No reports received.				
Beaumont, Tex.	8	14	54	195	30	243	96
Belleville, Ill.		7		60	8	54	9
Bellevue, N. J.	1	5	6	62	(1)	(1)	11
Bellingham, Wash.		2	6	117	21	300	36
Belvedere Township, Calif.	1	22	29	196	13	80	95
Berkeley, Calif.		17	12	437	49	988	51
Berwyn, Ill.		30		88	10	90	15
Bethlehem, Pa.			No reports received.				
Beverly, Mass.		2		48	9	92	6
Binghamton, N. Y.		9	7	117	28	328	124
Birmingham, Ala.	75	163	112	1,550	356	1,080	497
Bloomfield, N. J.		12	1	110	21	197	83
Bloomington, Ill.		38	2	128	12	289	170
Boston, Mass.	8	388	194	1,094	812	2,766	3,404
Bridgeport, Conn.	4	24		504	144	1,019	368
Bristol, Conn.		2		37	8	44	26
Brockton, Mass.		14		264	48	416	68
Brookline, Mass.		9	1	279	98	191	213
Brownsville, Tex.		1		102	2	119	11
Buffalo, N. Y.	10	102	189	650	346	1,985	661
Burlington, Iowa	2	2		23	8	69	15
Burlington, Vt.		4		38	14	245	35
Butte, Mont.	1	28	12	234	12	165	134
Cambridge, Mass.	1	39	12	418	88	561	510
Camden, N. J.	4	22	79	92	128	223	69
Canton, Ohio	2	86	49	417	(1)	1,003	103
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1	13	3	114	28	574	94
Central Falls, R. I.		3		67	10	150	15
Charleston, S. C.	19	34	125	142	102	584	52
Charleston, W. Va.	10	150	297	266	197	264	214
Charlotte, N. C.	33	97	278	730	107	1,931	250
Chattanooga, Tenn.	41	120	(1)	604	42	1,270	295
Chelsea, Mass.		10	17	276	43	182	119
Chester, Pa.	15	46	32	143	29	164	122
Chicago, Ill.	194	6,786	1,494	12,016	3,328	11,605	2,931
Chicopee, Mass.			2	48	17	175	16
Cicero, Ill.		67	149	27	27	163	56
Cincinnati, Ohio	46	534	365	2,159	716	5,101	713
Clarksburg, W. Va.			Only 1 month received.				
Cleveland, Ohio	64	1,187	173	2,668	340	11,783	1,511
Cleveland Heights, Ohio	2	17	2	134	44	439	31
Clifton, N. J.		18	2	117	42	108	34
Clinton, Iowa		5		55	7	120	26
Colorado Springs, Colo.		5		106	31	707	47

For footnotes see end of table.



TABLE 80.—Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1938, cities over 25,000 in population—Continued

City	Murder, nonnegli- gent man- slaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny—thrift		Auto thrift
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Columbia, S. C.	10	7	79	(1)	29	439	25
Columbus, Ga.	6	30	31	197	55	611	61
Columbus, Ohio	16	442	96	2,518	633	3,301	741
Concord, N. H.	1	1	1	64	8	59	11
Corpus Christi, Tex.	9	19	19	99	28	163	351
Council Bluffs, Iowa	1	23	11	154	12	517	75
Covington, Ky.	6	18	8	(1)	128	354	131
Cranston, R. I.	2	2	51	34	199	13	Jack
Cumberland, Md.	1	2	52	37	216	40	Jack
Dallas, Tex.	47	162	198	1,754	151	6,733	634
Danville, Ill.	1	31	160	15	279	66	Jack
Danville, Va.	8	23	94	163	34	464	67
Davenport, Iowa	2	40	6	216	23	806	82
Dayton, Ohio	15	112	17	704	64	2,402	495
Dearborn, Mich.	1	15	15	165	68	721	133
Decatur, Ill.	2	52	7	250	28	312	74
Denver, Colo.	8	191	47	829	276	2,101	464
Des Moines, Iowa	2	62	23	464	156	1,721	438
Detroit, Mich.	55	1,476	832	4,975	824	20,874	2,820
Dubuque, Iowa	1	4	85	15	410	59	Jack
Duluth, Minn.	3	32	3	88	126	1,298	224
Durham, N. C.	12	46	67	265	61	481	185
East Chicago, Ind.	3	29	36	90	19	160	45
East Cleveland, Ohio	12	12	170	(2)	266	23	Lack
Easton, Pa.	1	17	2	78	24	131	25
East Orange, N. J.	1	17	11	256	47	325	93
East Providence, R. I.	1	1	3	124	8	189	11
East St. Louis, Ill.	10	155	115	246	57	427	176
Eau Claire, Wis.	1	10	2	40	16	179	37
Elgin, Ill.	1	3	2	55	19	221	17
Elizabeth, N. J.	1	33	33	379	92	794	142
Elkhart, Ind.	1	16	4	97	24	443	39
Elmira, N. Y.	1	3	2	81	17	242	71
El Paso, Tex.	4	87	48	532	59	1,465	209
Elyria, Ohio	1	2	1	62	8	105	19
Enid, Okla.	1	16	1	107	5	272	23
Erie, Pa.	49	21	353	62	324	191	191
Evanston, Ill.	19	21	132	87	666	88	191
Evansville, Ind.	12	63	20	374	24	1,180	380
Everett, Mass.	2	15	8	140	31	271	67
Everett, Wash.	2	13	124	3	495	72	Los
Fall River, Mass.	1	14	5	464	44	396	137
Fargo, N. Dak.	1	12	5	66	28	225	81
Fitchburg, Mass.	1	1	100	3	251	31	Lyn
Flint, Mich.	1	125	154	688	164	2,284	273
Fond du Lac, Wis.	2	2	45	20	110	25	Mac
Fort Smith, Ark.	2	23	5	75	27	409	43
Fort Wayne, Ind.	4	39	12	353	87	1,798	359
Fort Worth, Tex.	32	72	24	903	74	2,940	272
Fresno, Calif.	3	167	17	520	191	1,135	414
Gadsden, Ala.	5	23	15	63	70	203	55
Galesburg, Ill.	1	14	1	95	11	144	73
Galveston, Tex.	5	31	111	218	167	265	123
Garfield, N. J.	No reports received.						
Gary, Ind.	16	75	176	287	35	387	155
Glendale, Calif.	1	31	355	67	1,051	162	Mer
Grand Rapids, Mich.	4	54	16	689	69	1,885	260
Granite City, Ill.	1	16	4	93	6	111	36
Great Falls, Mont.	1	3	3	54	19	431	74
Green Bay, Wis.	1	1	116	27	279	90	Mie
Greensboro, N. C.	9	41	65	391	119	770	202
Greenville, S. C.	4	12	14	141	50	697	92
Hackensack, N. J.	1	7	39	123	23	137	47
Hagerstown, Md.	1	2	7	47	27	254	83
Hamilton, Ohio	6	4	6	86	55	420	101
Hammond, Ind.	1	29	13	178	46	500	71
Hamtramck, Mich.	2	92	2	289	91	681	302
Harrisburg, Pa.	2	56	44	306	97	554	217
Hartford, Conn.	5	6	57	876	140	1,839	398
Haverhill, Mass.	1	6	1	180	91	171	82
Hazleton, Pa.	No reports received.						
Highland Park, Mich.	1	41	2	395	86	693	117
High Point, N. C.	8	34	170	144	61	130	40
Hoboken, N. J.	1	5	3	69	(1)	(1)	36
Holyoke, Mass.	1	4	203	28	(1)	443	59
Honolulu, T. H.	8	23	27	776	116	1,653	160

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TABLE 80.—Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1938, cities over 25,000 in population—Continued

City	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary—breaking or entering	Larceny— theft		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Houston, Tex.	72	228	237	1,776	258	5,593	957
Huntington, W. Va.	3	93	137	424	86	1,055	130
Huntington Park, Calif.	1	17	2	318	42	241	96
Hutchinson, Kans.		2	3	82	2	560	38
Indianapolis, Ind.	22	519	353	2,222	( <sup>1</sup> )	5,698	1,257
Inglewood, Calif.		8	1	177	31	278	41
Irvington, N. J.		18	1	328	24	276	58
Jackson, Mich.		19	9	161	10	464	93
Jackson, Miss.	12	11	11	195	22	371	63
Jacksonville, Fla.	29	115	139	1,066	533	2,746	368
Jamestown, N. Y.	2	4	4	79	27	115	62
Jersey City, N. J.			Complete data not received.				
Johnstown, Pa.		3	1	82	12	134	73
Joliet, Ill.	1	6	11	66	4	139	107
Joplin, Mo.	2	43	4	252	40	549	119
Kalamazoo, Mich.	2	27	12	245	24	1,199	143
Kansas City, Kans.	11	145	61	808	103	963	148
Kansas City, Mo.	38	558	83	1,316	( <sup>1</sup> )	2,403	1,147
Kearny, N. J.		6		100	27	121	37
Kenosha, Wis.	1	5	1	78	10	115	34
Kingston, N. Y.		5	5	49	21	67	10
Knoxville, Tenn.	28	48	55	588	155	687	271
Kokomo, Ind.	1	7	2	129	41	462	92
Lackawanna, N. Y.		13	25	33	12	96	17
La Crosse, Wis.		5		64	6	169	57
La Fayette, Ind.	1	13		78	30	300	42
Lakewood, Ohio		18		153	15	249	56
Lancaster, Pa.	2	12	11	170	43	406	85
Lansing, Mich.		10	8	161	74	477	180
Laredo, Tex.							
Lawrence, Mass.	1	8		106	7	120	143
Lebanon, Pa.				No reports received.			
Lewiston, Maine.				No reports received.			
Lexington, Ky.	15	41	173	277	84	885	122
Lima, Ohio.	1	15	3	184	36	393	115
Lincoln, Nebr.	1	12	7	114	31	340	134
Little Rock, Ark.	9	68	117	399	( <sup>1</sup> )	1,189	114
Long Beach, Calif.	4	104	41	1,035	281	2,346	552
Lorain, Ohio.	1	18	9	98	24	293	36
Los Angeles, Calif.	77	1,764	495	8,449	4,072	15,313	8,823
Louisville, Ky.	31	443	541	2,604	( <sup>1</sup> )	4,130	878
Lowell, Mass.	2	10	7	259	36	237	117
Lower Merion Township, Pa.		14	4	132	38	60	34
Lynchburg, Va.	6	6	73	99	35	217	76
Lynn, Mass.	1	33	5	679	61	955	179
Macon, Ga.	27	38	182	305	53	703	127
Madison, Wis.		15	3	100	71	375	130
Malden, Mass.		20	4	137	33	324	104
Manchester, N. H.		3	3	75	16	315	47
Mansfield, Ohio.		16	3	76	42	304	80
Marion, Ohio.	1	15	1	83	25	325	45
Massillon, Ohio.	1	12	5	102	26	125	21
Maywood, Ill.		18	3	62	7	115	9
McKeesport, Pa.	1	76	103	93	88	152	118
Medford, Mass.		12	1	140	17	287	59
Memphis, Tenn.	57	555	908	1,756	364	1,656	410
Meriden, Conn.		5	2	158	12	181	40
Meridian, Miss.		7	1	272	24	294	36
Miami, Fla.	35	232	650	1,173	337	1,613	300
Michigan City, Ind.	5	20	11	70	23	101	44
Middletown, Conn.		3	3	40	13	330	20
Middletown, Ohio.	3	10	11	144	28	386	58
Milwaukee, Wis.	10	51	57	577	253	4,360	551
Minneapolis, Minn.	10	276	69	1,446	584	3,474	1,363
Mishawaka, Ind.		8		62	6	195	36
Mobile, Ala.	13	17	128	110	34	252	97
Moline, Ill.	1	12	12	114	48	256	84
Monroe, La.	5	22	1	83	8	294	28
Montclair, N. J.			No reports received.				
Montgomery, Ala.	22	44	74	473	40	307	98
Mount Vernon, N. Y.		2		82	6	101	44
Muncie, Ind.	1	23	80	187	18	482	100
Muskogee, Okla.		25	12	185	10	477	47
Muskegon, Mich.		8	2	101	32	423	56
Nanticoke, Pa.							
Nashua, N. H.		1		92	11	103	24
Nashville, Tenn.	61	264	363	547	( <sup>1</sup> )	1,315	722

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TABLE 80.—Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1938, cities over 25,000 in population—Continued

City	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny—thrift		Auto thrift
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
New Albany, Ind.	2	9	24	54	18	312	67
Newark, N. J.	21	219	618	959	360	3,813	1,410
Newark, Ohio	1	5	1	117	15	630	44
New Bedford, Mass.	2	23	13	569	95	1,094	101
New Britain, Conn.	1	55	9	212	46	231	157
New Brunswick, N. J.	2	9	14	173	21	298	63
Newburgh, N. Y.	1	3	8	57	34	110	37
New Castle, Pa.	1	9	1	133	10	215	100
New Haven, Conn.	4	27	12	882	230	1,145	298
New London, Conn.	1	1	1	40	8	158	20
New Orleans, La.	64	118	399	525	245	859	451
Newport, Ky.	5	23	18	186	18	232	45
Newport, R. I.	2	1	1	72	22	231	37
Newport News, Va.	3	18	58	183	25	142	61
New Rochelle, N. Y.	1	1	38	85	40	101	90
Newton, Mass.	1	7	—	152	( <sup>1</sup> )	304	124
New York, N. Y.	272	1,297	2,901	2,826	( <sup>1</sup> )	558	6,167
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	1	28	33	429	64	1,094	156
Norfolk, Va.	30	157	150	830	82	1,619	719
Norristown, Pa.	—	7	9	74	30	60	83
North Bergen, N. J.	1	6	1	104	12	94	34
Norwalk, Conn.	—	—	No reports received.				
Norwood, Ohio	—	13	—	118	9	148	17
Oakland, Calif.	10	157	1,592	222	3,608	772	—
Oak Park, Ill.	—	82	5	384	43	476	65
Ogden, Utah	—	30	8	149	45	816	220
Oklahoma City, Okla.	24	187	229	1,157	338	2,339	283
Omaha, Nebr.	9	78	64	185	56	614	352
Oriando, Fla.	5	18	29	169	45	426	72
Orange, N. J.	—	20	34	87	19	69	38
Oshkosh, Wis.	—	2	1	66	10	246	32
Ottumwa, Iowa	2	5	5	67	11	131	90
Paduach, Ky.	—	—	Only 9 months received.				
Parkersburg, W. Va.	1	9	6	121	19	147	34
Pasadena, Calif.	2	21	8	385	139	1,513	170
Pascale, N. J.	2	34	37	292	27	255	111
Paterson, N. J.	6	52	49	426	61	225	139
Pawtucket, R. I.	—	10	—	106	47	637	100
Pensacola, Fla.	—	—	Only 4 months received.				
Peoria, Ill.	5	28	32	115	6	207	212
Perth Amboy, N. J.	—	—	No reports received.				
Petersburg, Va.	3	13	69	113	12	475	23
Philadelphia, Pa.	106	919	728	1,952	844	2,145	3,039
Phoenix, Ariz.	20	111	38	527	213	1,164	414
Pittsburgh, Pa.	26	680	317	1,961	498	1,551	2,181
Pittsfield, Mass.	—	1	1	134	24	289	56
Plainfield, N. J.	1	10	10	86	15	116	63
Pontiac, Mich.	4	44	13	303	65	494	171
Port Arthur, Tex.	2	5	13	53	15	177	86
Port Huron, Mich.	1	4	2	73	3	273	60
Portland, Maine	3	8	6	396	49	523	137
Portland, Oreg.	8	353	47	2,516	788	4,887	1,006
Portsmouth, Ohio	3	20	26	233	61	738	111
Portsmouth, Va.	10	40	175	289	63	788	91
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	—	6	17	81	26	280	51
Providence, R. I.	3	18	35	359	102	680	245
Pueblo, Colo.	8	40	19	248	19	505	100
Quincy, Ill.	—	—	Complete data not received.				
Quincy, Mass.	1	8	—	175	69	336	78
Racine, Wis.	17	—	—	179	29	455	69
Raleigh, N. C.	12	68	230	339	( <sup>1</sup> )	575	167
Reading, Pa.	1	23	33	442	69	632	125
Revere, Mass.	—	20	—	270	41	420	162
Richmond, Ind.	1	22	3	61	17	91	42
Richmond, Va.	34	244	476	1,400	358	3,783	596
Riverside, Calif.	2	11	12	138	4	379	41
Ronnoke, Va.	10	19	66	118	86	606	128
Rochester, N. Y.	4	47	37	704	142	1,940	338
Rockford, Ill.	—	23	7	196	44	518	110
Rock Island, Ill.	1	23	8	125	57	503	57
Rome, N. Y.	—	—	1	22	13	154	15
Royal Oak, Mich.	1	5	—	91	15	191	32
Sacramento, Calif.	3	193	35	619	346	2,377	337
Saginaw, Mich.	—	39	29	413	55	1,146	172
St. Joseph, Mo.	2	47	18	506	94	1,000	213
St. Louis, Mo.	55	534	94	1,340	( <sup>1</sup> )	9,570	1,226
St. Paul, Minn.	—	134	11	707	189	1,686	522

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City	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary—breaking or entering	Larceny—thrift		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
St. Petersburg, Fla.	3	12	33	440	105	818	36
Salem, Mass.	1	6		68	29	290	66
Salem, Ore.		13	1	81	17	258	67
Salt Lake City, Utah	5	87	29	800	73	1,437	533
San Angelo, Tex.	3	4	33	85	34	248	49
San Antonio, Tex.	28	282	284	1,105	363	2,329	700
San Bernardino, Calif.		35	7	211	6	536	155
San Diego, Calif.	18	75	24	399	78	1,029	411
San Francisco, Calif.	15	724	377	2,519	896	6,921	2,890
San Jose, Calif.	2	22	8	254	31	975	187
Santa Ana, Calif.		6	7	118	20	341	89
Santa Barbara, Calif.	1	6	2	149	44	475	71
Santa Monica, Calif.	1	79	2	324	136	659	234
Savannah, Ga.	10	24	20	149	457	1,556	97
Schenectady, N. Y.		15	18	321	102	193	132
Scranton, Pa.	5	35	46	389	82	624	268
Seattle, Wash.	20	279	82	2,539	381	3,431	1,377
Sharon, Pa.		5		53	11	106	34
Sheboygan, Wis.		8		67	12	251	42
Shreveport, La.	7	64	152	183	32	994	194
Sioux City, Iowa	3	41	4	212	8	458	259
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	3	3	2	97	27	152	68
Somerville, Mass.	1	17		123	44	175	143
South Bend, Ind.	3	57	3	406	69	523	125
Spartanburg, S. C.		19		144	37	400	83
Spokane, Wash.	1	91	81	196		2,241	266
Springfield, Ill.	1	73	11	392	11	828	301
Springfield, Mass.	1	11	29	404	95	1,121	228
Springfield, Mo.	1	14	1	231	59	899	91
Springfield, Ohio		26	28	239	(1)	726	100
Stamford, Conn.	1	10	4	124	47	308	60
Steubenville, Ohio	1	23		85	4	112	65
Stockton, Calif.				No reports received.			
Superior, Wis.		9	2	112	17	339	65
Syracuse, N. Y.	4	26	12	414	130	1,238	353
Tacoma, Wash.	1	32		487	39	1,158	214
Tampa, Fla.	15	32	90	320	99	906	74
Taunton, Mass.				No reports received.			
Terre Haute, Ind.	1	46	8	166	24	445	87
Toledo, Ohio	8	293	106	1,350	374	3,284	747
Topeka, Kans.	8	29	4	346	19	896	287
Torrington, Conn.				No reports received.			
Trenton, N. J.	1	44	62	696	106	937	139
Troy, N. Y.	Only 11 months received; October records destroyed by fire.						
Tucson, Ariz.	2	47	16	175	95	408	192
Tulsa, Okla.	10	263	115	1,193	269	2,429	303
Union City, N. J.	2	8	(1)	71	46	73	93
University City, Mo.		7		123	33	192	15
Upper Darby, Pa.				No reports received.			
Utica, N. Y.		14	5	185	75	769	134
Waco, Tex.		15	116	159	26	999	73
Waltham, Mass.	6	3	8	165	30	334	49
Warren, Ohio		18	8	124	28	279	64
Washington, D. C.	52	657	505	2,045	732	6,913	1,850
Washington, Pa.	2	7	7	46	10	95	45
Waterbury, Conn.	1	8		336	51	366	190
Waterloo, Iowa		3	1	74		334	30
Watertown, Mass.	1	6	3	56	9	73	21
Watertown, N. Y.		2		80	12	333	43
Waukegan, Ill.		15		75	49	168	43
West Allis, Wis.	1	3	2	48	27	463	96
West Hartford, Conn.				53	8	60	16
West Haven, Conn.		3		42	11	24	7
West New York, N. J.				Only 11 months received.			
West Orange, N. J.		5	2	47	16	58	19
West Palm Beach, Fla.	5	30	10	194	26	565	51
Wheeling, W. Va.	1	35	7	188	41	278	73
White Plains, N. Y.	3	3	11	39	43	113	28
Wichita, Kans.	5	15	17	415	64	1,572	93
Wichita Falls, Tex.	8	12	75	181	82	1,067	84
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	1	24	20	165	51	224	111
Wilkesburg, Pa.		29	13	106	15	133	19
Wilmington, Del.	7	31	72	556	116	656	204
Wilmington, N. C.	3	20	127	130	22	263	89
Winston-Salem, N. C.	19	30	249	392	34	592	110
Williamsport, Pa.		4	4	84	13	307	47
Woodbridge, N. J.		3	3	74	6	117	12

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 80.—*Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1938, cities over 25,000 in population—Continued*

City	Murder, nonnegli- gent man- slaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny— <i>theft</i>		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Woonsocket, R. I.....		3		143	15	151	17
Worcester, Mass.....	4	37	36	668	184	735	523
Wyandotte, Mich.....	1	11	2	71	6	89	30
Yonkers, N. Y.....	2	11	28	163	19	385	232
York, Pa.....		12	1	79	15	256	66
Youngstown, Ohio.....	7	248	121	769	71	1,391	566
Zanesville, Ohio.....		9	4	81	21	230	64

<sup>1</sup> Complete figures not received.<sup>2</sup> Larcenies not separately reported. Figure listed includes both major and minor larcenies.<sup>3</sup> Includes 300 separate thefts of lanterns reported stolen in 1 month during emergency conditions.

**Offenses Known to Sheriffs, State Police, and Other Rural Officers, 1938.**

In compiling and publishing national crime data, the Federal Bureau of Investigation distinguishes between urban and rural crimes. The figures presented in the preceding tables are based on reports from a large majority of the agencies policing urban areas (places with 2,500 or more inhabitants). Comprehensive data regarding rural crimes are not yet available, but the information on hand is shown in table 81, which is based on reports from 652 sheriffs, 74 police agencies in rural villages, and 7 State police organizations. For comparative purposes, there are presented below percentage distributions of rural and urban crimes. (The urban data are based on figures shown in table 74.) The percentage figures which follow should be thought of as representing an average group of 100 urban crimes and an average group of 100 rural crimes.

Offense	Percent		Offense	Percent	
	Urban	Rural		Urban	Rural
Total.....	100.0	100.0	Robbery.....	4.0	3.5
Larceny.....	56.6	47.6	Aggravated assault.....	3.0	3.6
Burglary.....	22.7	29.9	Rape.....	.6	2.3
Auto theft.....	12.5	8.6	Murder.....	.3	1.4
			Manslaughter.....	.3	1.1

The preceding comparison reveals that whereas only 4.2 percent of the urban crimes are offenses against the person (murder, manslaughter, rape, and aggravated assault), 10.4 percent of the rural crimes reported fall within those classes. This does not mean that more crimes against the person are committed in rural areas than in urban communities. The figures merely indicate that in an average group of 100 rural crimes there would be a larger number of offenses against the person than in an average group of 100 urban crimes. This may be due to the fact that some of the reports representing rural crimes indicate the possibility that they were limited to instances in which arrests were made. Incompleteness of this sort in the reports of rural crimes will tend to increase the percentage of rural crimes against the person because such offenses are much more generally followed by arrests than are the less serious offenses against property.

The percentage distribution of urban and rural crimes is also shown in figure 10.

TABLE 81.—*Offenses known, January to December, inclusive, 1938, as reported by 652 sheriffs, 7 State police organizations, and 74 village officers*

	Criminal homicide		Rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary—breaking or entering	Larceny— theft	Auto theft
	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Manslaughter by negligence						
Offenses known.....	1,027	793	1,684	2,602	4,083	21,979	35,025	6,329

# COMPARISON OF AVERAGE GROUPS OF 100 URBAN CRIMES AND 100 RURAL CRIMES

OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE—JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1939

• THE TOTAL URBAN CRIMES IS SUBSTANTIALLY IN EXCESS OF THE TOTAL RURAL CRIMES. THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL CRIMES KNOWN TO THE POLICE FOR EACH AVERAGE GROUP OF 100 URBAN AND 100 RURAL CRIMES.....

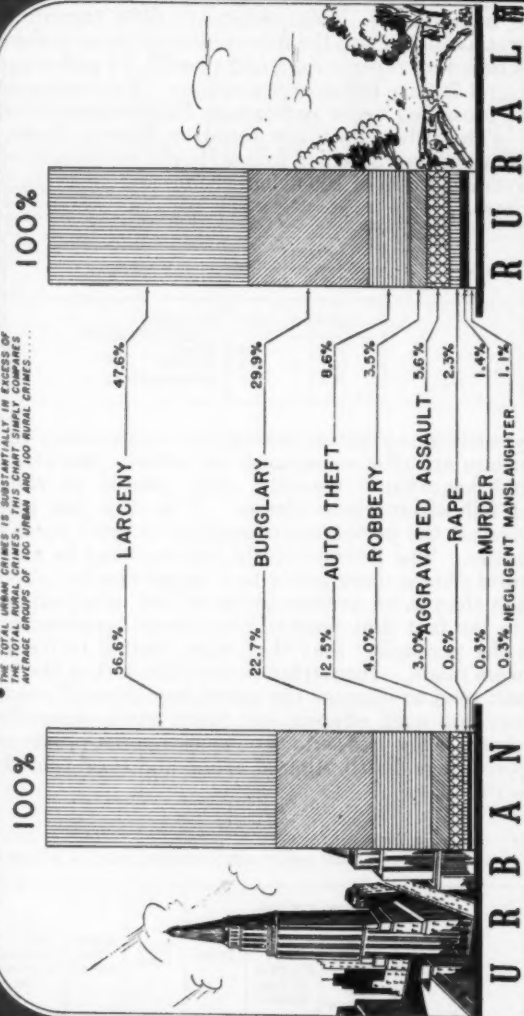


FIGURE 10.

**Offenses Known in Territories and Possessions of the United States.**

In table 82 there are shown available data concerning the number of offenses known to law-enforcement agencies in Territories and possessions of the United States. The tabulation includes reports from the first judicial division, Alaska; Honolulu (city and county), Kauai County, Maui County, Territory of Hawaii; and Puerto Rico. The figures are based on both urban and rural areas and the population figures from the 1930 decennial census are indicated in the table.

**TABLE 82.—Number of offenses known in United States Territories and possessions, January to December, inclusive, 1938**

[Population figures from Federal Census, Apr. 1, 1930]

Jurisdiction reporting	Murder, nonneg- ligent man- slaugh- ter	Rob- bery	Aggra- vated as- sault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny— theft		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Alaska: First judicial division (Juneau), population, 19,304; number of offenses known.....	7	6	3	24	31	36	-----
Hawaii:							
Honolulu City, population, 137,583; number of offenses known.....	8	23	27	776	116	1,653	160
Honolulu County, population, 65,341; number of offenses known.....	2	5	10	140	20	248	35
Kauai County, population, 35,942; number of offenses known.....	-----	1	6	12	1	32	3
Maui County, population, 86,146; number of offenses known.....	3	2	12	89	10	145	18
Puerto Rico: Population, 1,543,913; num- ber of offenses known.....	225	34	1,807	846	85	3,359	66



**Data From Supplementary Offense Reports.**

In tables 83-87 there are presented the more detailed data compiled from supplementary offense reports received from the police departments of the number of cities indicated in the tables.

As shown by table 83, almost one-half of the rapes reported were forcible in nature. There were 16,503 robberies reported by the cities represented, and it was found that 9,113 (55.2 percent) of them were committed on city highways, while 6,308 (38.2 percent) were robberies of various types of commercial establishments.

Cases of burglary—breaking or entering numbered 73,403, of which 33,490 (45.6 percent) were committed in residences. Eighty-one percent of the total burglaries reported were committed at night, and 19 percent during the daytime. However, the proportion of daytime burglaries in residences amounted to 33 percent. In other types of places, only 8 percent of the burglaries were committed during the daytime.

The 171 cities represented in table 83 reported 179,155 larcenies. There were 19,945 (11.1 percent) in which the value of property stolen was \$50 or more; 116,377 (65.0 percent) involving property valued at \$5 to \$50; and 42,833 (23.9 percent) in which the value of the property involved was less than \$5 per offense. The compilation also indicates that 1.3 percent of the thefts were cases of pocket-picking and 2.7 percent were instances of purse-snatching.

TABLE 83.—*Number of known offenses with divisions as to the nature of the criminal act, time and place of commission, and value of property stolen, January to December, inclusive, 1938; 171 cities over 25,000 in population*

[Total population, 21,106,726, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Classification	Number of actual offenses	Classification	Number of actual offenses
Rape:		Larceny— <i>theft</i> (except auto theft) (grouped according to value of article stolen):	
Forcible.....	787	Over \$50.....	19,945
Statutory.....	843	\$5 to \$50.....	116,377
Total.....	1,630	Under \$5.....	42,833
Robbery:		Total.....	179,155
Highway.....	9,113	Larceny— <i>theft</i> (grouped as to type of offense):	
Commercial house.....	4,399	Pocket-picking.....	2,302
Oil station.....	1,594	Purse-snatching.....	4,905
Chain store.....	291	All other.....	171,948
Residence.....	432	Total.....	179,155
Bank.....	24		
Miscellaneous.....	630		
Total.....	16,503		
Burglary—breaking or entering:			
Residence (dwelling):			
Committed during night.....	22,582		
Committed during day.....	10,908		
Nonresidence (store, office, etc.):			
Committed during night.....	36,915		
Committed during day.....	2,998		
Total.....	73,403		

In August 1938 the supplementary offense report was modified to reflect additional information concerning the nature of the larcenies reported. During September-December 1938 there were 46,349 thefts without violence reported as having been committed in 44 cities with a combined population of 14,790,941. These crimes represent cases designated as "larceny—*theft*" and do not include cases of robbery, burglary, or auto theft.



Thefts of personal property from automobiles were found to be the type most frequently committed, such offenses numbering 9,812 (21.2 percent) of the total thefts reported. Bicycle thefts were next in order of frequency (6,548), reflecting the development of a theft problem which has grown rapidly in recent years. Automobile accessories were involved in 6,464 of the cases. The average value of property stolen per offense amounted to \$28.40. For individual types of thefts, however, the figures varied, being highest for cases of pocket-picking (\$47.61), and lowest for cases involving thefts of automobile accessories (\$12.03). Detailed figures for individual types of thefts are presented in table 84.

TABLE 84.—*Larcenies subdivided by type of theft, September to December, inclusive, 1938; 44 cities over 100,000 in population*

[Total population 14,790,941, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Nature of theft	Number of offenses	Value of property stolen	Average value per offense
Pocket-picking.....	442	\$31,042.02	\$47.61
Purse-snatching.....	1,480	21,341.80	14.42
Shoplifting.....	1,456	45,371.01	31.16
Thefts from autos (exclusive of auto accessories).....	9,812	284,917.83	29.04
Auto accessories.....	6,464	77,755.04	12.03
Bicycles.....	6,548	94,686.17	14.46
All other.....	20,147	771,114.47	38.27
Total.....	46,349	1,316,228.34	28.40

The police departments of 171 cities reported thefts of 40,558 automobiles during the calendar year 1938. Table 85 indicates that 38,554 (95.1 percent) of the automobiles were recovered.

TABLE 85.—*Recoveries of stolen automobiles, January to December, inclusive, 1938; 171 cities over 25,000 in population*

[Total population, 21,106,726, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Number of automobiles stolen.....	40,558
Number of automobiles recovered.....	38,554
Percentage recovered.....	95.1

Reports received from 171 police departments reflected that the value of property stolen in connection with offenses of robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft during 1938 was \$28,541,997.63. Recoveries totaled \$18,503,865.63, which is 64.8 percent of the amount stolen. More than one-half of the value of stolen property consisted of automobiles. Exclusive of automobiles the value of stolen property was \$11,390,793.82, and the value of recovered property was \$2,452,376.75 (21.5 percent).

The data presented in table 86 are also shown in figure 11.

TABLE 86.—*Value of property stolen and value of property recovered with divisions as to type of property involved, January to December, inclusive, 1938; 171 cities over 25,000 in population*

[Total population, 21,106,726, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]











Type of property	Value of property stolen	Value of property recovered	Percent recovered
Currency, notes, etc.....	\$2,607,419.45	\$371,415.92	13.8
Jewelry and precious metals.....	2,575,976.36	544,020.10	21.1
Furs.....	488,565.00	42,719.33	8.7
Clothing.....	1,414,563.96	291,426.22	20.6
Locally stolen automobiles.....	17,151,203.81	16,051,488.88	93.6
Miscellaneous.....	4,214,268.45	1,202,795.18	28.5
Total.....	28,541,997.63	18,503,865.63	64.8

# VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED

(AUTOMOBILES NOT INCLUDED)

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 31, 1939

171 CITIES - TOTAL POPULATION 51,109,799

STOLEN (EACH SYMBOL REPRESENTS \$100,000)		RECOVERED (EACH SYMBOL REPRESENTS \$100,000)	
CURRENCY, NOTES, ETC.	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$2,637,419.45</div>	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$371,415.92</div>	13.8%
JEWELRY & PRECIOUS METALS	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$2,575,976.36</div>	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$544,020.10</div>	21.1%
FURS	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$488,585.60</div>	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$42,719.33</div>	8.7%
CLOTHING	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$1,414,563.96</div>	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$291,486.22</div>	20.6%
MISCEL- LANEOUS	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$4,214,288.45</div>	<div></div> <div>TOTAL VALUE \$1,802,795.18</div>	28.5%

The value of property stolen in connection with offenses of robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft is shown for individual types of crimes in table 87. It should be noted that this compilation is based on reports of 170 police departments, whereas tables 83, 85, and 86 were based on reports from 171 police departments.

Exclusive of auto thefts, the average value of property stolen per offense is lowest for larceny and highest for robbery. Because of the nature of the property involved, the average value per offense of auto theft is considerably higher than for the preceding types of crimes. In this connection it should be noted that 95 percent of the stolen automobiles are recovered, whereas only 22 percent of other types of property stolen are shown in table 86 as recovered.

With reference to table 87, it should be noted that the figures representing the number of actual offenses include attempted crimes in which no thefts occurred and for which no property values are shown. This naturally has the effect of reducing the average property loss per offense.

The data presented in table 87 are also portrayed in figure 12.

TABLE 87.—*Value of property stolen, by type of crime, January to December, inclusive, 1938; 170 cities over 25,000 in population*

[Total population, 21,068,326, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Classification	Number of actual offenses	Value of property stolen	Average value per offense
Robbery.....	16,500	\$1,467,626.84	\$88.95
Burglary.....	73,355	4,559,554.98	63.52
Larceny—theft.....	178,665	5,280,291.23	29.56
Auto theft.....	46,532	17,067,089.06	421.06
Total.....	309,052	28,474,542.06	92.14

# AVERAGE VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN PER OFFENSE

OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

(AUTOMOBILES NOT INCLUDED)  
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1934  
BY CITIES - TOTAL POPULATION 25,000; 250

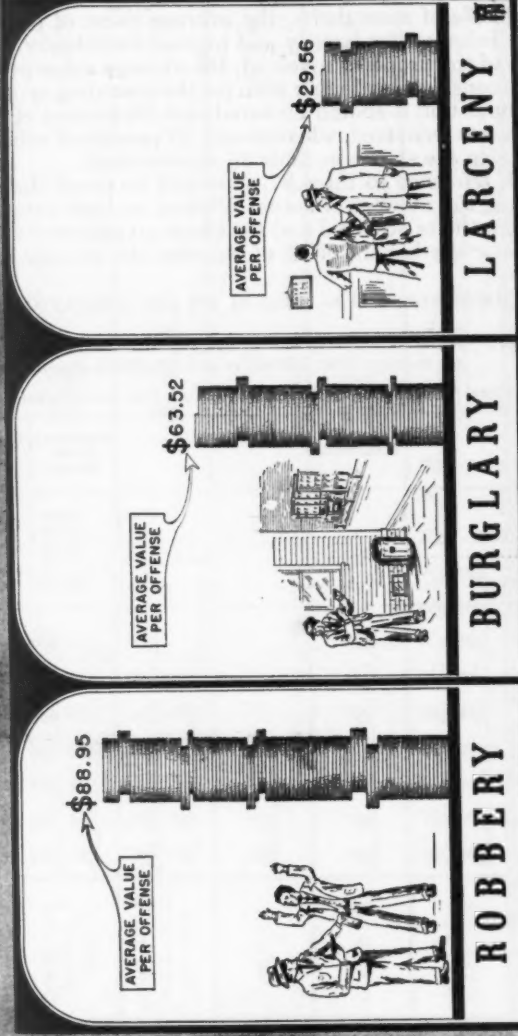


FIGURE 12.

*Estimated Number of Major Crimes in the United States, 1937-38.*

Based on monthly reports received from law enforcement agencies during 1937 and 1938, there have been prepared estimates of the total number of serious crimes committed in the entire United States during those years. The population area represented by the reports on which the estimates were based is in excess of 60,000,000 for each year.

While the tabulation refers to the offenses listed as major crimes, it will be observed that the offenses included therein are limited to certain types, i. e., the crimes represented on the report forms forwarded to the F B I listing "offenses known to the police." Larceny is included and it is recognized that many of the larcenies reported were minor in character. However, it is believed that this is more than compensated for by the fact that miscellaneous types of serious crimes, such as embezzlement, fraud, receiving stolen property, forgery, counterfeiting, arson, drug violations, carrying concealed weapons, etc., have not been represented in the estimates. It is, therefore, believed that the estimated total of major crimes for each year is conservative.

The compilation reveals decreases in all types of crimes except burglary and larceny. The estimated total of 1,433,812 crimes for 1938 is 17,996 in excess of the 1,415,816 for 1937. This represents an increase of 1.3 percent during 1938. During 1938 the daily average number of crimes listed in the table was 3,927 as compared to 3,879 during 1937. This represents an increase during 1938 of 48 crimes daily. However, it should be noted that with the exception of burglary and larceny there were decreases for all types of crimes represented in the compilation, amounting to 30,616 crimes. The increase in burglary was 4,338 and in larceny 44,274, the combined increase being 48,612. It is apparent, therefore, that the net increase of 17,996 is attributable to the increase in larceny.

TABLE 88.—*Estimated number of major crimes in the United States, 1937-38*

Offense	Number of offenses		Change	
	1937	1938	Number	Percent
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter.....	7,859	7,438	-421	-5.4
Manslaughter by negligence.....	5,705	4,554	-1,151	-20.2
Rape.....	8,518	8,302	-216	-2.5
Robbery.....	59,786	59,273	-513	-.9
Aggravated assault.....	45,478	44,529	-949	-2.1
Burglary.....	292,870	297,208	+4,338	+1.5
Larceny.....	790,031	834,305	+44,274	+5.7
Auto theft.....	215,569	188,208	-27,366	-12.7
Total.....	1,415,816	1,433,812	+17,996	+1.3

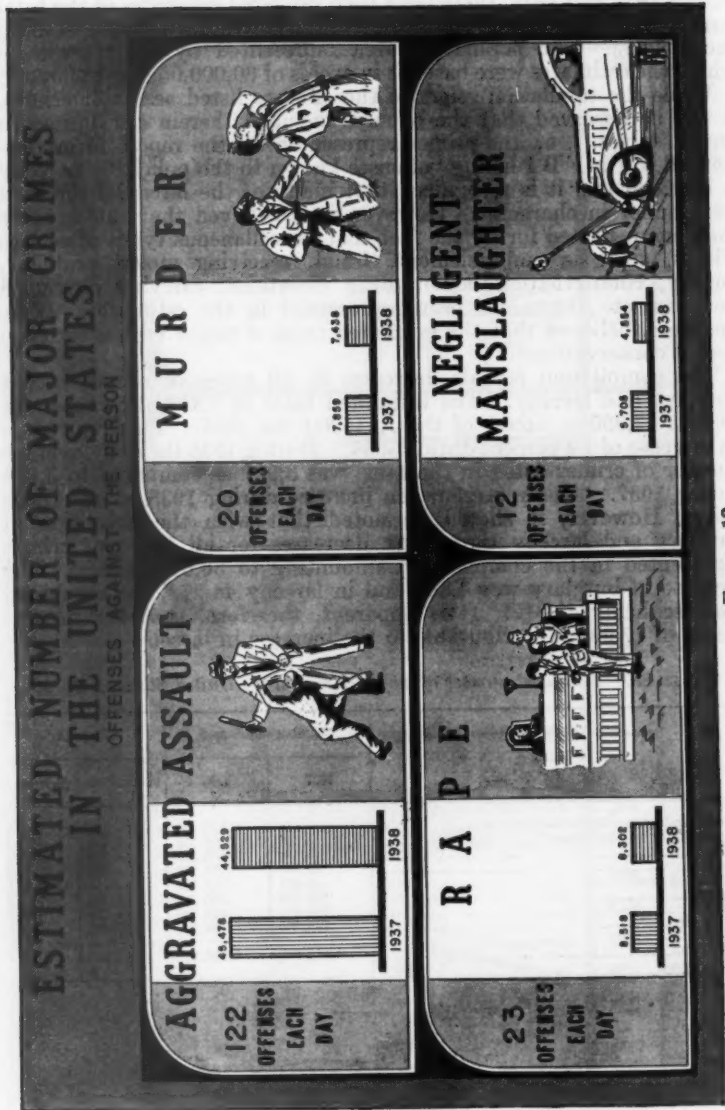


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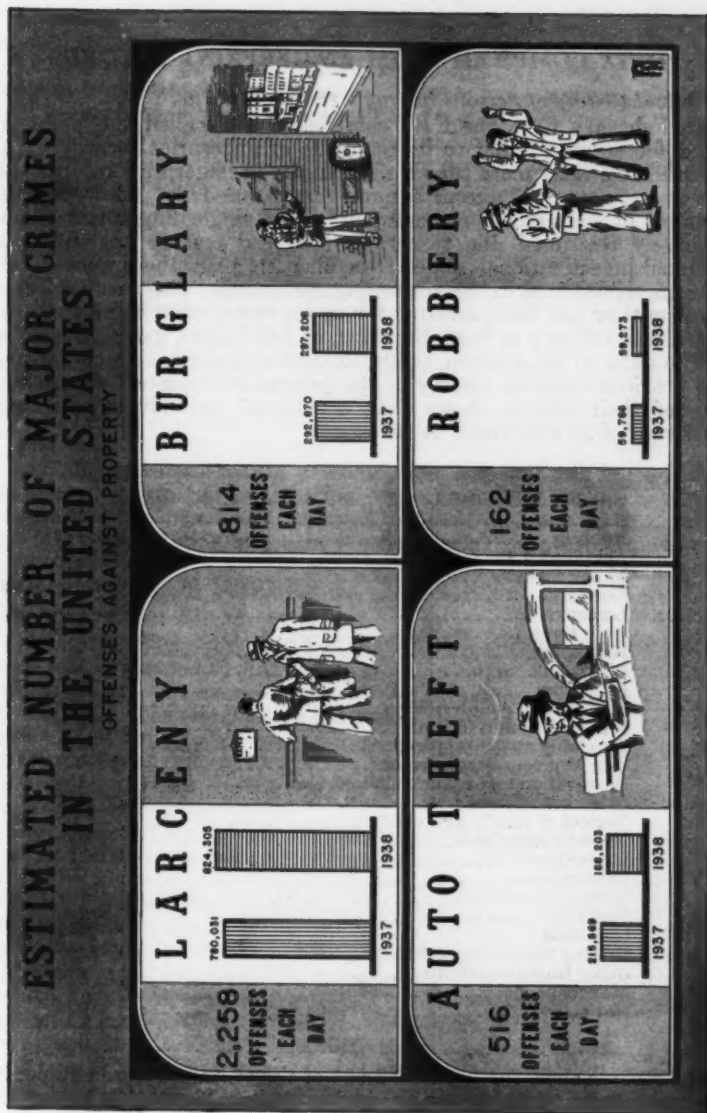


FIGURE 14.



## DATA COMPILED FROM FINGERPRINT RECORDS

### *Criminal History of Persons in Single Fingerprint File.*

In February 1933, the FBI established a so-called single fingerprint file as an adjunct to its main file of fingerprint records. The main file contains more than 9 million sets of fingerprint records and the average rate of increase is more than 6,000 daily. However, the number of individuals represented in the single fingerprint file is definitely restricted due to certain technical reasons pertaining to criminal investigations. As of December 31, 1938, there were 13,937 persons represented in the single fingerprint file. They were selected because they had been arrested for or convicted of kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery or bank burglary, or had known gang affiliations.

The data on file contain highly interesting information concerning the previous criminal history of the persons represented. Examination of their records shows that the 13,937 individuals had been convicted of 25,426 crimes as follows:

Offense:	Number of con- victions
Criminal homicide.....	449
Rape.....	150
Robbery.....	5, 171
Aggravated assault.....	240
Minor assault.....	489
Burglary.....	2, 633
Larceny.....	3, 537
Auto theft.....	958
Kidnaping.....	743
Blackmail.....	130
Extortion.....	968
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	677
Embezzlement and fraud.....	679
Receiving stolen property.....	208
Carrying concealed weapons.....	520
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	154
Other sex offenses.....	111
Neglect of family and children.....	58
Narcotic drug laws.....	446
Liquor laws.....	1, 122
Drunkenness.....	691
Disorderly conduct.....	881
Vagrancy.....	1, 126
Gambling.....	162
Driving while intoxicated.....	78
Other traffic violations.....	543
Miscellaneous.....	1, 578
Not stated.....	924
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>25, 426</b>

The records show further that 2,895 of the criminals were recipients of paroles on various occasions during their careers of lawlessness. In 1,044 cases they were thereafter arrested before the expiration of the parole period. In other words, 36.1 percent of the paroles extended to these major criminals were violated by the recipients. In addition,



there were 1,169 persons who apparently lived within the law during the parole period but who were arrested subsequent to the expiration of the parole. This means that 76.4 percent of the 2,895 major criminals who were given paroles were subsequently arrested either while on parole or after the expiration of the parole period.

With reference to the 1,044 individuals arrested while on parole, the records indicate that two-thirds of them were charged with murder, rape, robbery, kidnaping, and other felonies.

For convenient reference there is set out a summary of the data pertaining to the criminal histories of the persons represented in the single fingerprint file.

1. Number of persons represented in the single fingerprint file (Dec. 31, 1938).....	13, 937
2. Number who had received pardons, paroles, probationary or suspended sentences.....	4, 218
3. Percent who received pardons, paroles, etc.....	30. 3
4. Number who had received paroles.....	2, 895
5. Number subsequently arrested while on parole.....	1, 044
6. Percent of parolees arrested while on parole.....	36. 1
7. Number arrested after expiration of parole period.....	1, 169
8. Total parolees arrested on parole or subsequent to parole period.....	2, 213
9. Percent of parolees arrested on parole or subsequent to parole period.....	76. 4

It should be noted that the preceding data are probably not entirely complete, because full information concerning the previous criminal activities of the persons represented are probably not on file. The amount of information on file in the fingerprint division of the F B I is, of course, dependent upon the contribution of data pertaining to criminal activities by local officials.

#### ***Fingerprint Arrest Records for 1938.***

During the calendar year 1938 the F B I examined 554,376 arrest records, as evidenced by fingerprint cards, in order to obtain data concerning the age, sex, race, and previous criminal history of the persons represented. The compilation has been limited to instances of arrests for violations of State laws and municipal ordinances. In other words, fingerprint cards representing arrests for violations of Federal laws or representing commitments to any type of penal institution have been excluded from this tabulation.

The number of fingerprint records examined was considerably larger than for prior years, which were as follows: 1937—520,153; 1936—461,589. The increase in the number of arrest records examined should not necessarily be construed as reflecting an increase in the amount of crime, nor as an increase in the number of persons arrested, since it quite probably is at least partially the result of an increase in the number of local agencies contributing fingerprint records to the Identification Division of the F B I. The tabulation of data from fingerprint cards obviously does not include all persons arrested, since there are individuals taken into custody for whom no fingerprint cards are forwarded to Washington. Furthermore, data pertaining to persons arrested should not be treated as information regarding the number

of offenses committed, since two or more persons may be involved in the joint commission of a single offense, and on the other hand one person may be arrested and charged with the commission of several separate crimes.

Approximately 30 percent of the arrest records examined during 1938 represented persons taken into custody for murder, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft. Arrests for major violations are reflected by the following figures:

Criminal homicide.....	6, 507
Robbery.....	14, 698
Assault.....	30, 978
Burglary.....	35, 778
Larceny (except auto theft).....	62, 848
Auto theft.....	12, 958
Embezzlement and fraud.....	19, 226
Stolen property (receiving, etc.).....	3, 810
Arson.....	941
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	8, 162
Rape.....	6, 333
Narcotic drug laws.....	4, 164
Weapons (carrying, etc.).....	6, 125
Driving while intoxicated.....	21, 169
Gambling.....	7, 233
Total.....	240, 930

**Sex.**—Women were represented by 37,780 (6.8 percent) of the 554,376 arrest records examined. The remaining 516,596 (93.2 percent) represented men. The number of men arrested was larger than the number of women arrested for all types of crimes except commercialized vice. However, a comparison of the figures representing an average group of 1,000 men arrested with those for an average group of 1,000 women arrested indicates that there were more women than men charged with murder, assault, and the use of narcotic drugs. The same type of comparison also indicates a somewhat larger ratio of arrests of women than men for larceny, but in more violent types of crimes against property, such as robbery, burglary, and auto theft, men predominate. Similarly, 13 of each 1,000 women arrested and fingerprinted were charged with driving while intoxicated, whereas 40 of each 1,000 men arrested were charged with that type of violation. Data for individual types of crimes may be found in the following table.

As mentioned in the preceding paragraph, 6.8 percent of the arrest records examined during 1938 represented women. The corresponding figures for prior years are as follows: 1937—6.9 percent; 1936—7.3 percent; 1935—6.9 percent; 1934—6.9 percent.

TABLE 89.—*Distribution of arrests by sex, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938*

Offense charged	Number			Percent		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Criminal homicide.....	6,507	5,885	622	1.2	1.1	1.6
Robbery.....	14,698	14,120	578	2.7	2.7	1.5
Assault.....	30,978	28,528	2,450	5.6	5.5	6.5
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	35,778	35,240	538	6.5	6.8	1.4
Larceny—(theft).....	62,848	58,399	4,449	11.4	11.3	11.8
Auto theft.....	12,958	12,768	190	2.3	2.5	.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	19,226	18,398	828	3.5	3.6	2.2
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	3,810	3,559	251	.7	.7	.7
Arson.....	941	875	66	.2	.2	.2
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	8,162	7,700	462	1.5	1.5	1.2
Rape.....	6,333	6,333		1.1	1.2	
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	6,567	1,522	5,045	1.2	.3	13.4
Other sex offenses.....	7,888	6,869	1,019	1.4	1.3	2.7
Narcotic drug laws.....	4,164	3,038	1,126	.8	.6	3.0
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	6,125	5,595	530	1.1	1.1	.6
Offenses against family and children.....	6,910	6,754	156	1.2	1.3	.4
Liquor laws.....	8,247	6,982	1,265	1.5	1.4	3.4
Driving while intoxicated.....	21,169	20,681	488	3.8	4.0	1.3
Road and driving laws.....	4,150	4,095	55	.7	.8	.1
Parking violations.....	17	16	1	(1)	(1)	(1)
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	7,296	7,184	112	1.3	1.4	.3
Disorderly conduct.....	25,659	22,700	2,959	4.6	4.4	7.7
Drunkenness.....	82,312	78,001	4,311	14.8	15.2	11.4
Vagrancy.....	52,691	49,594	3,097	9.5	9.6	8.2
Gambling.....	7,233	6,837	396	1.3	1.3	1.1
Suspicion.....	64,125	59,537	4,588	11.6	11.5	12.1
Not stated.....	8,002	7,441	561	1.4	1.4	1.5
All other offenses.....	39,621	37,645	1,976	7.1	7.3	5.2
Total.....	554,376	516,596	37,780	100.0	100.0	100.0

<sup>1</sup>Less than  $\frac{1}{10}$  of 1 percent.

**Age.**—During 1938, there were more arrests for age 21 than for any other single age group. This differs from the record for 1937 when age 22 reflected the largest number of arrests. From 1932 to the middle of 1935, age 19 was the group in which arrests occurred most frequently, but since the middle of 1935 there have been more arrests of persons age 21 and 22. An additional change in the record for 1938 is that there were more arrests for age 18 than for age 19. The groups for which the largest number of arrests occurred during 1938 are as follows:

Age:	Number of arrests
21.....	24,295
22.....	24,287
23.....	23,968
18.....	23,900
19.....	23,877

In 1936, 17.4 percent of the persons arrested were less than 21 years old and in 1937 the proportion was 18.0 percent. However, during 1938 it was found that 18.8 percent of the persons arrested and fingerprinted were less than 21 years of age. In addition to the 104,425 persons less than 21 years old arrested during 1938, there were 94,909 (17.1 percent) between the ages of 21 and 24, making a total of 199,334 (35.9 percent) less than 25 years old. Persons arrested who were between the ages of 25 and 29 numbered 94,815 (17.1 percent). This makes a total of 294,149 (53.0 percent) less than 30 years old. The corresponding proportion under 30 years of age during 1937 was 51.6 percent. (With reference to the ages of persons represented by fingerprint cards received at the F B I, it should be borne in mind that the number of arrest records is doubtless incomplete in the lower age groups, because in some jurisdictions the practice is not to fingerprint youthful individuals.)

The number of arrests for ages 16-24 is shown in figure 15.

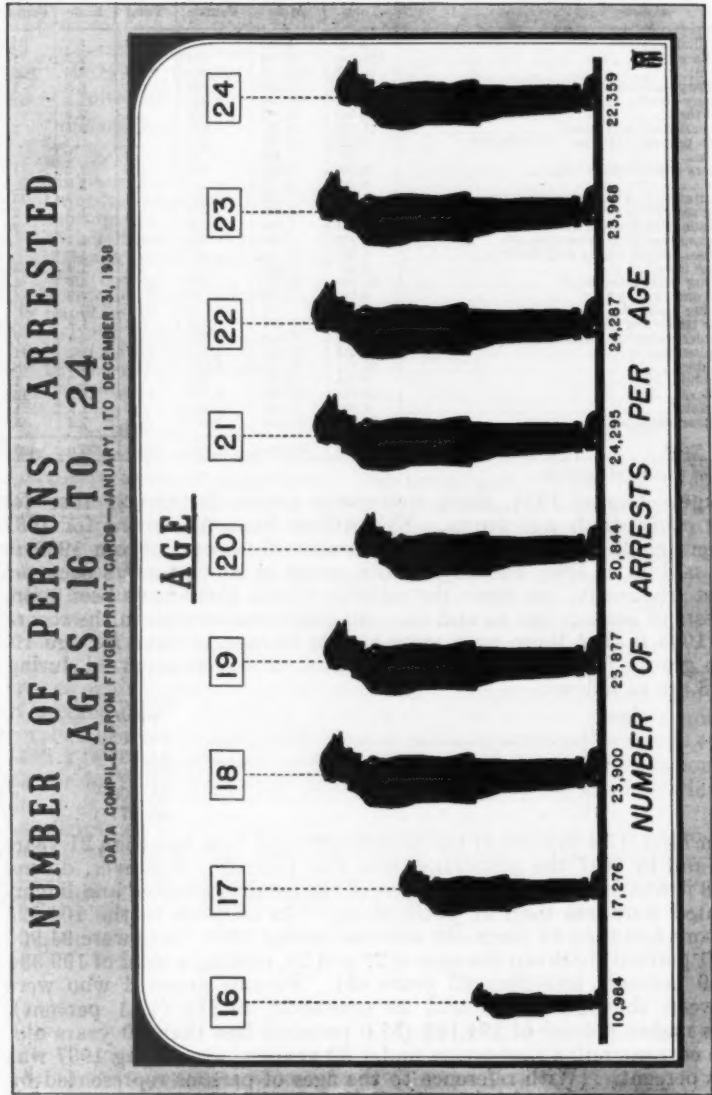


FIGURE 15.

TABLE 90.—Arrests by age groups, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1933

Offense charged	Not known	Age															Total all ages and over	
		Under 15	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44		45-49
Criminal homicide.....	9	20	22	51	111	159	199	221	273	271	262	303	1,280	905	820	384	380	577
Robbery.....	7	56	85	329	664	1,014	1,106	929	1,007	970	901	883	3,031	1,733	1,037	458	206	195
Burglary.....	44	87	60	296	523	828	858	803	1,048	1,068	1,015	1,233	4,013	2,518	1,573	635	268	148
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	44	87	79	323	523	828	858	803	1,048	1,068	1,015	1,233	4,013	2,518	1,573	635	268	148
Larceny—bribe.....	68	1,055	816	2,610	3,774	4,542	3,946	3,207	3,099	2,978	2,725	2,426	8,569	6,914	5,771	3,770	2,466	3,312
Auto theft.....	17	219	379	1,075	1,305	1,539	1,304	953	888	703	631	489	1,623	805	405	255	112	86
Embezzlement and fraud.....	17	7	11	49	140	267	335	302	709	788	774	758	3,443	2,992	2,926	2,138	1,549	1,901
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	3	9	9	79	117	178	170	170	177	153	158	155	566	499	427	325	227	358
Arson.....	2	6	3	10	33	36	30	33	29	31	35	30	154	126	117	87	63	136
Robbery and counterfeiting.....	0	15	44	105	183	312	333	310	330	363	371	460	1,481	1,271	1,183	737	465	812
Receiving stolen property.....	0	15	16	112	216	366	466	409	378	366	346	287	1,091	976	838	537	261	646
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	1	1	7	15	30	130	160	151	245	491	533	475	1,762	1,070	706	370	207	197
Other sex offenses.....	12	20	29	103	175	237	238	248	237	311	293	306	1,309	1,051	944	722	537	1,116
Narcotic drug laws.....	2	3	5	12	47	70	103	91	132	164	168	201	832	651	603	446	278	356
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	8	13	20	95	164	260	284	233	329	284	305	280	1,150	825	684	459	323	419
Offenses against family and children.....	10	2	15	34	69	128	200	189	254	231	256	284	1,460	1,393	1,149	777	500	601
Liquor laws.....	8	7	15	4	24	49	88	113	175	231	256	284	1,460	1,393	1,149	777	500	601
Driving while intoxicated.....	23	1	3	18	73	157	231	336	576	568	685	727	3,946	3,709	3,366	2,548	1,520	1,019
Road and driving laws.....	8	2	1	23	57	191	240	220	291	265	246	230	883	535	411	126	172	4,160
Parking violations.....	0	6	7	79	137	347	389	347	563	464	456	394	1,455	937	761	417	263	7,306
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	32	75	91	307	534	816	1,124	1,262	1,817	1,988	2,014	2,335	7,552	5,850	4,893	3,493	2,465	15,484
Drunkenness.....	92	13	23	117	346	616	816	1,124	1,262	1,988	2,014	2,335	7,552	5,850	4,893	3,493	2,465	15,484
Vagrancy.....	44	97	106	681	1,227	2,090	2,090	1,927	2,715	2,702	2,473	2,371	9,227	6,561	5,828	3,663	2,536	13,362
Gambling.....	9	8	9	29	70	113	135	130	194	211	226	239	1,319	1,253	1,167	850	533	728
Suspicion.....	72	574	531	1,204	2,266	3,257	3,269	2,870	3,217	3,242	3,191	2,940	12,063	8,427	6,496	4,191	2,690	3,555
Not stated.....	74	65	153	223	332	307	279	332	338	336	312	1,400	1,126	977	685	409	606	8,402
All other offenses.....	39	625	520	1,047	1,495	2,106	2,143	1,863	2,023	1,902	1,910	1,651	6,727	4,514	3,577	2,826	2,033	30,521
Total.....	384	3,846	3,098	10,984	17,276	23,900	23,877	20,844	24,295	24,267	23,968	22,359	94,815	74,100	63,667	44,589	31,281	46,000

Offense charged

Age

Total all ages

Offenses against property, particularly robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft, were frequently committed by youths less than 21 years old. This is clearly indicated by the following tabulation:

*Percentage distribution of arrests by age groups*

Age group	All offenses	Criminal homicide	Robbery	Burglary	Larceny	Auto theft
Under 21.....	18.8	12.0	28.5	43.5	31.7	52.3
21-29.....	34.2	36.7	46.6	33.3	32.8	33.4
30-39.....	24.9	27.4	19.0	15.3	20.2	16.7
40-49.....	13.7	14.8	4.5	5.5	9.9	2.8
50 and over.....	8.3	8.9	1.3	2.3	5.3	.7
Unknown.....	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

NOTE.—The data in the preceding compilation are also shown in figure 16.

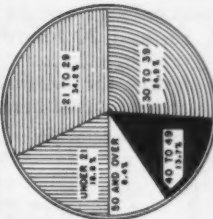
During 1938 there were 158,421 persons of all ages arrested for crimes against property (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement and fraud, forgery and counterfeiting, receiving stolen property, and arson). The predominance of youthful persons among those charged with offenses against property is further indicated by the fact that 31.5 percent (49,833) of the persons arrested for such crimes were less than 21 years old. The corresponding figures for prior years are as follows: 1937—31.0 percent; 1936—28.5 percent.

Additional evidence of the large part played by youthful persons in the commission of crimes against property is reflected by the following figures. During 1938, 35.9 percent of all persons arrested were less than 25 years of age, but such persons numbered 54.5 percent of those charged with robbery, 62.3 percent of those charged with burglary, 49.6 percent of those charged with larceny, and 73.2 percent of those charged with auto theft. One-half of all crimes against property during 1938 were committed by persons under 25 years of age.

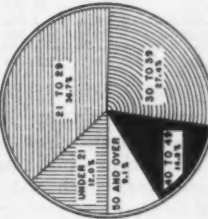
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JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1938

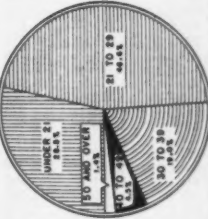
## ALL OFFENSES



## MURDER



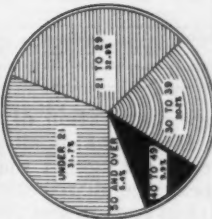
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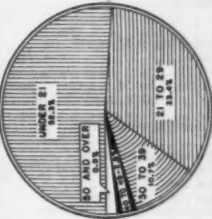


Figure 16.



TABLE 91.—Number and percentage of arrests of persons under 25 years of age, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged	Total number of persons arrested	Number under 21 years of age	Total number under 25 years of age	Percentage under 21 years of age	Total percentage under 25 years of age
Criminal homicide	6,507	783	1,892	12.0	29.1
Robbery	14,698	4,183	8,014	28.5	54.5
Assault	30,978	3,578	8,601	11.6	27.8
Burglary—breaking or entering	35,778	15,573	22,276	43.5	62.3
Larceny— <i>theft</i>	62,848	19,950	31,178	31.7	49.6
Auto theft	12,958	6,774	9,485	52.3	73.2
Embezzlement and fraud	19,226	1,171	4,260	6.1	22.2
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.	3,810	732	1,375	19.2	36.1
Arson	941	151	276	16.0	29.3
Forgery and counterfeiting	8,162	1,290	2,703	15.9	33.1
Rape	6,333	1,830	2,886	24.3	45.6
Prostitution and commercialized vice	6,567	484	2,248	7.4	34.2
Other sex offenses	7,888	1,050	2,197	13.3	27.9
Narcotic drug laws	4,164	331	996	7.9	23.9
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	6,125	1,060	2,237	17.5	36.5
Offenses against family and children	6,910	280	1,226	4.1	17.7
Liquor laws	8,247	642	1,802	7.8	21.9
Driving while intoxicated	21,169	839	3,415	4.0	16.1
Road and driving laws	4,150	734	1,766	17.7	42.6
Parking violations	17	4	4	23.5	23.5
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws	7,296	1,312	3,129	18.0	42.9
Disorderly conduct	25,620	3,974	8,502	15.5	33.2
Drunkenness	82,312	3,694	12,048	4.5	14.6
Vagrancy	52,691	8,545	18,806	16.2	35.7
Gambling	7,233	494	1,374	6.8	19.0
Suspicion	64,125	14,021	26,611	21.9	41.5
Not stated	8,002	1,424	2,742	17.8	34.3
All other offenses	39,621	9,799	17,285	24.7	43.6
Total	554,376	104,425	199,334	18.8	35.9

The age distribution of males arrested during 1938 is somewhat different from that of all persons arrested. For males there were more arrests for age 21 than for any other single age group, and in this respect the distribution is identical with that for all persons arrested; but ages 18 and 19 exceed in frequency of arrests ages 22 and 23, and in this respect the distribution differs from that for all persons arrested.

The age distribution of females arrested is even more different from the distribution of all arrest records examined, and this is to be expected, inasmuch as women represented only 6.8 percent of the total. For females the highest frequency of arrests occurred at ages 22 and 23, with ages 24, 21, 18, 19, and 20 following in the order named.

For convenience in comparing figures for selected individual age groups, data for the separate sexes are presented herewith:

Age	Number of arrests			Age	Number of arrests		
	Male and female	Male	Female		Male and female	Male	Female
21	24,295	22,461	1,834	19	23,877	22,231	1,646
22	24,287	22,048	2,239	24	22,359	20,130	2,229
23	23,968	21,730	2,238	20	20,844	19,436	1,408
18	23,900	22,183	1,717				

TABLE 92.—Arrests by age groups, male, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged	Not known	Age															Total all ages			
		Under 15	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44		45-49	50 and over	
Criminal homicide	9	18	16	45	90	141	177	200	253	243	230	265	1,130	2,894	1,062	735	536	364	552	5,885
Robbery	7	55	84	322	645	890	1,084	902	972	924	908	857	2,894	5,873	2,002	1,016	433	201	188	14,120
Assault	38	43	262	473	656	896	1,154	1,324	1,324	1,179	1,047	574	1,709	3,563	1,272	789	319	1,831	2,050	25,520
Burglary—breaking or entering	44	871	792	3,167	3,231	2,863	2,068	1,970	1,709	1,574	1,322	1,322	3,109	6,310	3,210	2,169	1,446	2,271	2,328	38,240
Larceny—thief	54	1,028	781	2,519	3,621	4,273	3,682	3,049	2,863	2,732	2,513	2,236	8,510	6,540	5,246	3,525	2,260	1,336	18,390	58,390
Auto theft	7	218	375	1,285	1,512	1,292	939	877	690	680	480	817	5,577	6,888	4,467	2,552	1,198	585	18,390	58,390
Embezzlement and fraud	15	7	10	45	135	238	310	331	741	762	745	728	3,255	2,857	2,785	2,076	1,502	1,860	18,390	58,390
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.	3	6	9	78	112	171	155	103	166	138	148	531	465	385	311	322	346	3,559	3,559	3,559
Arson	2	6	8	31	42	34	37	31	29	28	35	29	119	118	103	90	61	129	875	875
Forgery and counterfeiting	4	13	42	98	167	281	316	268	315	339	331	313	1,331	1,138	1,023	728	449	505	7,700	7,700
Rape	6	15	112	216	366	405	409	378	366	346	257	1,691	676	1,538	327	261	548	6,333	6,333	6,333
Prostitution and commercialized vice	1	3	4	7	25	42	30	43	58	82	51	303	290	222	169	100	117	1,522	1,522	1,522
Other sex offenses	11	17	25	83	135	180	184	165	176	256	245	241	1,080	914	842	693	511	1,101	6,869	6,869
Narcotic drug laws	5	5	30	32	61	59	90	83	117	84	559	467	502	389	248	331	3,038	3,038	3,038	3,038
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	8	13	17	92	161	253	273	222	321	270	292	244	1,085	799	650	446	326	414	5,895	5,895
Offenses against family and children	9	2	4	20	41	76	111	167	221	240	274	1,324	1,398	1,131	771	495	500	6,754	6,754	6,754
Liquor laws	5	6	14	27	63	111	160	160	235	257	245	252	1,207	1,060	977	752	501	933	6,862	6,862
Driving while intoxicated	23	1	2	16	70	147	246	332	504	578	672	707	3,836	3,504	3,272	2,504	1,791	2,326	20,681	20,681
Road and driving laws	8	2	1	23	57	189	237	220	298	265	241	226	869	521	404	247	125	172	4,005	4,005
Boating violations														4	2	2	1	16	16	16
Offenses against motor vehicle laws	6	6	78	135	242	397	345	407	456	446	392	1,434	923	3,176	746	412	390	323	7,184	7,184
Disorderly conduct	30	59	78	260	497	820	851	839	944	993	887	3,898	3,176	3,176	1,937	1,409	1,409	2,367	22,700	22,700
Drunkenness	86	12	16	96	303	703	1,023	1,145	1,642	1,819	2,018	11,047	12,080	12,625	10,176	7,911	13,167	78,001	78,001	78,001
Vagrancy	41	89	102	541	1,145	2,096	2,120	2,496	2,445	2,291	2,112	8,532	6,457	5,566	4,575	2,798	1,575	40,594	40,594	40,594
Gambling	8	8	29	68	110	131	121	184	200	227	225	1,247	1,188	1,089	795	506	693	6,837	6,837	6,837
Suspicion	69	538	508	1,116	3,033	2,645	2,645	2,920	2,935	2,911	2,538	11,056	7,859	6,096	4,028	2,590	3,488	59,337	59,337	59,337
Not stated	5	5	138	202	303	276	256	308	313	301	278	1,294	1,294	1,042	912	654	443	488	7,441	7,441
All other offenses	37	537	916	1,377	1,970	2,037	1,786	1,957	1,813	1,820	1,565	614	4,318	4,318	2,712	1,966	2,522	3,643	37,643	37,643
Total	539	3,659	3,461	10,417	16,370	22,183	22,231	19,436	22,461	22,048	21,730	20,130	96,324	68,753	59,404	42,479	30,056	44,915	516,596	516,596



**Recidivism.**—Of the 554,376 arrest records examined during 1938, 243,921 (44.0 percent) represented individuals who already had fingerprint records on file in the Identification Division of the F B I. There were, in addition, 8,136 instances in which the individuals represented had no prior fingerprints on file at Washington, but the current arrest records bore notations concerning prior criminal activities of the persons. This makes a total of 252,057 records containing information concerning the previous criminal histories of the individuals concerned, and it was found that 150,021 of them had been previously convicted. This is 59.5 percent of the 252,057 cases in which information concerning prior criminal activities was available, and 27.1 percent of the 554,376 arrest records examined.

The compilation reveals that more than one-half of the prior convictions were based on major violations of the criminal statutes, as indicated by the following figures:

Criminal homicide.....	1, 396
Robbery.....	5, 936
Assault.....	7, 381
Burglary.....	16, 129
Larceny (and related offenses).....	34, 960
Arson.....	188
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	4, 576
Rape.....	1, 110
Narcotic drug laws.....	2, 426
Weapons (carrying, etc.).....	1, 700
Driving while intoxicated.....	3, 396
Total.....	79, 198

The records indicate that during 1938 there were 50 persons arrested for murder or manslaughter whose criminal history showed prior convictions for some degree of criminal homicide. With reference to other offense classes, the compilation reveals a tendency for recidivists to repeat the same type of crime.

The records of the 150,021 persons previously convicted showed a total of 372,939 convictions prior to the arrest represented by the current record. Major violations were involved in 169,319 of the convictions, and in 203,620 cases the convictions were based on less serious violations.

Of the 37,780 females arrested, only 28.7 percent had previous fingerprint cards on file as compared with 44.0 percent for all persons arrested during 1938. Similarly, women represented only 4.0 percent of the 150,021 previous convictions found in the records. Since women represented 6.8 percent of the total persons whose arrest records were examined during the year, the percentage of women among those whose records showed previous convictions is comparatively low.

TABLE 94.—Number with previous fingerprint records, arrests, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged	Total		Male		Female	
	Number arrested	Previous fingerprint record	Number arrested	Previous fingerprint record	Number arrested	Previous fingerprint record
Criminal homicide.....	6,507	1,758	5,885	1,665	622	93
Robbery.....	14,096	7,459	14,120	7,262	578	197
Assault.....	30,978	11,591	28,528	11,094	2,450	497
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	35,778	15,387	35,240	15,259	538	128
Larceny— theft.....	62,848	25,619	58,399	24,555	4,449	1,064
Auto theft.....	12,958	5,301	12,768	5,270	190	31
Embezzlement and fraud.....	19,226	8,946	18,398	8,775	828	171
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	3,810	1,199	3,559	1,169	251	30
Arson.....	941	214	875	205	66	9
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	8,162	4,121	7,700	4,013	462	108
Rape.....	6,333	1,884	6,333	1,884	5,045	2,239
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	6,567	2,841	1,522	802	1,126	194
Other sex offenses.....	7,888	2,378	6,869	2,184	1,019	194
Narcotic drug laws.....	4,164	2,536	3,038	2,066	1,126	470
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	6,125	2,209	5,895	2,154	230	55
Offenses against family and children.....	6,910	2,309	6,754	2,289	156	20
Liquor laws.....	8,247	3,153	6,982	2,849	1,265	304
Driving while intoxicated.....	21,169	6,399	20,681	6,299	488	100
Road and driving laws.....	4,150	1,114	4,095	1,102	55	12
Parking violations.....	17	10	16	10	1	—
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	7,296	2,615	7,184	2,594	112	21
Disorderly conduct.....	25,620	10,754	22,700	10,031	2,920	723
Drunkenness.....	82,312	40,652	78,001	39,233	4,311	1,419
Vagrancy.....	52,691	31,103	49,594	29,951	3,097	1,152
Gambling.....	7,233	2,218	6,837	2,148	396	70
Suspicion.....	64,125	29,264	56,537	28,053	4,588	1,211
Not stated.....	8,002	3,182	7,441	3,062	561	120
All other offenses.....	39,621	17,705	37,645	17,319	1,976	386
Total.....	554,376	243,921	516,596	233,007	37,780	10,824

TABLE 95.—Percentage with previous fingerprint records, arrests, male and female, Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 1938

Offense	Percent	Offense	Percent
Narcotic drug laws.....	60.9	Liquor laws.....	38.2
Vagrancy.....	59.0	Assault.....	37.4
Parking violations <sup>1</sup> .....	58.8	Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	36.1
Robbery.....	50.7	Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	35.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	50.5	Offenses against family and children.....	33.4
Drunkenness.....	49.4	Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	31.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	46.5	Gambling.....	30.7
Suspicion.....	45.6	Driving while intoxicated.....	30.2
All other offenses.....	44.7	Other sex offenses.....	30.1
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	43.3	Rape.....	29.7
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	43.0	Criminal homicide.....	27.0
Disorderly conduct.....	42.0	Road and driving laws.....	26.8
Auto theft.....	40.9	Arson.....	22.7
Larceny—theft.....	40.8		

<sup>1</sup> Only 17 fingerprint cards were received representing arrests for violation of parking regulations.

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TABLE 96.—Number of cases in which fingerprint records show the persons arrested had previously been convicted one or more times, male and female, Jan. 1—Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged at time of current arrest	Most serious offense of which previously convicted														
	Crim- inal homi- cide	Rob- bery	Assault	Bur- glary	Lar- ceny	Auto theft	Embez- zlement and fraud	Stolen prop- erty	Arson	Forgery and coun- terfeit- ing	Rape	Prosti- tution and com- merci- alized vice	Sex of- fenses	Drug laws	Weap- ons
Criminal homicide.....	50	67	119	106	153	30	0	7	2	18	12	10	11	6	26
Robbery.....	44	684	232	735	905	279	89	30	4	103	72	34	72	59	174
Assault.....	171	337	1,130	670	1,068	144	95	48	0	88	72	73	72	74	108
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	69	488	379	2,925	2,253	454	373	129	23	208	59	22	46	77	108
Larceny— theft.....	129	581	614	2,100	5,193	557	373	129	23	515	108	130	80	257	176
Auto theft.....	10	137	83	485	740	462	62	15	7	82	21	9	10	14	32
Embezzlement and fraud.....	22	169	140	319	861	172	864	19	10	540	45	17	27	43	31
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	1	5	12	17	24	4	13	15	2	12	11	6	5	9	13
Arson.....	19	88	62	224	383	105	301	10	1	692	24	17	1	3	3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	26	66	103	151	246	43	13	6	2	26	57	11	11	12	21
Rape.....	12	30	58	42	153	21	20	7	2	17	3	554	31	60	11
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	6	49	69	110	188	29	21	6	7	38	35	43	183	14	16
Other sex offenses.....	10	50	44	106	256	19	16	7	3	31	8	81	14	742	7
Wagon and drug laws.....	3	24	14	171	291	46	32	11	3	20	16	9	10	20	56
Offenses against family and children.....	5	24	14	171	291	46	32	11	3	20	16	9	10	20	56
Offenses against family and children.....	29	53	136	124	222	33	25	17	2	27	13	29	18	2	8
Liquor laws.....	48	91	137	221	402	113	66	17	3	97	27	20	22	25	36
Driving while intoxicated.....	2	24	38	63	83	16	10	5	2	12	7	4	4	6	8
Road and driving laws.....															
Parking violations.....															
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	20	44	93	166	271	74	29	11	2	26	20	8	8	0	26
Disorderly conduct.....	102	217	471	526	891	127	112	30	5	109	49	79	93	81	78
Drunkness.....	132	602	1,082	2,084	2,444	370	370	68	23	415	102	187	213	182	189
Vagrancy.....	94	603	601	1,455	2,821	425	104	13	3	433	9	186	162	276	170
Gambling.....	16	45	74	71	136	17	28	9	3	83	0	11	11	12	11
Suspicion.....	179	825	731	1,988	601	526	92	16	28	604	129	217	150	270	177
Suspicion.....	38	107	97	254	324	79	96	4	4	97	20	20	12	33	25
Not stated.....	141	594	574	1,405	1,708	405	219	50	8	281	111	65	110	97	135
All other offenses.....															
Total.....	1,396	5,936	7,381	16,129	25,661	4,626	3,851	822	188	4,576	1,110	1,813	1,362	2,426	1,700



Most serious offense of which previously convicted

Offense charged at time of current arrest	Family and children	Liquor laws	Driving while intoxicated	Road and driving laws	Parking	Other traffic and motor vehicle laws	Disorderly conduct	Drunkenness	Vagrancy	Gambling	Suspension	Not stated	All other offenses	Total
Criminal homicide.....	4	89	12	21	---	12	77	74	41	95	3	6	73	1,072
Robbery.....	10	44	41	28	---	17	209	270	284	45	11	20	248	4,730
Larceny—breaking or entering.....	77	405	156	56	---	120	604	725	277	123	16	43	384	7,248
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	47	215	93	45	---	95	345	568	424	61	20	38	626	9,875
Larceny—steal.....	91	416	192	84	---	183	696	1,193	1,007	83	42	81	971	15,994
Auto theft.....	21	43	75	21	---	54	94	180	114	19	2	11	227	3,030
Embezzlement and fraud.....	56	152	83	36	---	47	130	376	310	44	18	35	272	4,838
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	3	58	12	7	---	28	32	32	27	11	1	8	46	136
Arson.....	15	12	2	---	---	1	4	55	117	66	3	15	121	2,523
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	19	38	23	15	---	34	71	72	86	14	1	11	94	1,187
Reception and harboring.....	6	56	5	4	---	4	121	91	169	6	6	12	43	1,544
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	16	52	32	11	---	24	110	192	89	4	2	10	102	1,458
Narcotic drug laws.....	4	30	4	3	---	3	91	57	104	16	1	3	53	1,762
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	10	74	20	14	---	16	62	90	59	32	8	10	112	1,411
Offenses against family and children.....	139	48	40	15	---	18	67	142	45	70	7	20	77	1,962
Liquor laws.....	10	270	674	100	---	70	120	834	102	21	8	26	150	3,700
Disorderly conduct.....	25	48	50	60	---	32	22	74	30	4	1	2	45	647
Road and driving laws.....	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Parking violations.....	12	77	92	46	---	142	63	145	52	15	4	5	107	1,568
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	40	216	148	45	1	220	1,166	1,187	548	42	15	39	394	6,549
Disorderly conduct.....	187	798	1,003	159	---	79	1,096	1,256	1,377	126	63	81	1,088	25,428
Drunkenness.....	81	370	198	47	---	52	32	60	3,927	126	69	12	1,093	15,628
Vagrancy.....	86	513	190	99	1	22	33	60	63	244	5	12	44	1,192
Gambling.....	34	74	48	7	---	157	699	1,313	1,700	115	85	91	1,183	16,009
Not stated.....	140	322	123	66	1	23	86	176	125	6	3	78	127	2,008
All other offenses.....	---	---	---	---	---	115	562	999	766	68	37	648	1,639	11,389
Total.....	1,139	5,375	3,396	1,033	3	1,703	7,362	26,139	12,170	1,318	403	1,405	9,278	150,021

TABLE 97.—Number of cases in which fingerprint records show the persons arrested had previously been convicted one or more times, male, Jan. 1—Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged at time of current arrest	Most serious offense of which previously convicted														
	Crim- inal homi- cide	Rob- bery	As- sault	Bur- glary	Lar- ceny	Auto theft	Embez- zlement and fraud	Stolen prop- erty	Arson	Forgery and coun- terfeit- ing	Rape	Prosti- tution and com- mercial- ized vice	Sex of- fenses	Drug laws	Weap- ons
Criminal homicide.....	48	66	110	104	147	39	9	7	2	17	12	9	7	6	24
Robbery.....	48	66	110	104	147	39	9	7	2	17	12	9	7	6	24
Assault.....	139	332	1,080	966	1,080	279	187	29	9	181	107	12	91	27	44
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	69	488	3,776	2,917	2,030	144	93	49	9	207	72	44	65	73	173
Larceny—thief.....	125	569	592	2,089	4,969	557	365	125	23	504	108	16	45	76	108
Auto theft.....	10	137	83	485	738	462	365	125	23	504	108	60	70	242	174
Embezzlement and fraud.....	22	169	140	319	837	172	844	18	10	532	45	16	27	41	31
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	8	23	42	119	163	24	13	14	2	12	11	5	5	9	13
Arson.....	1	5	11	17	24	4	294	10	1	679	25	10	10	11	3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	19	68	62	274	370	151	104	10	1	28	57	11	17	5	21
Rape.....	26	66	102	151	209	43	13	4	2	36	35	17	174	10	16
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	4	13	24	36	55	15	11	4	7	36	35	17	174	10	16
Other sex offenses.....	5	49	66	110	180	28	20	6	7	26	8	15	11	688	6
Narcotic drug laws.....	10	49	44	105	235	16	14	7	2	20	16	6	10	10	83
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	32	93	141	180	255	46	11	10	2	45	11	7	18	2	8
Offenses against family and children.....	5	24	95	178	144	22	31	7	3	85	11	7	18	2	8
Liquor laws.....	39	93	121	124	209	33	25	15	2	28	13	14	14	27	33
Disorderly conduct.....	48	91	137	221	400	113	66	17	3	97	27	17	22	18	36
Driving while intoxicated.....	2	24	38	63	81	16	10	5	2	12	7	3	4	6	8
Road and driving laws.....	2	24	38	63	81	16	10	5	2	12	7	3	4	6	8
Disorderly conduct.....	20	44	93	166	271	74	29	11	2	26	20	7	7	8	26
Disorderly conduct and motor vehicle laws.....	59	216	436	524	855	127	111	29	4	105	49	41	79	71	75
Drunkennes.....	146	496	1,041	1,279	2,588	313	365	66	23	412	102	80	188	174	181
Vagrancy.....	92	595	584	2,773	422	326	101	15	15	427	96	82	145	251	177
Gambling.....	16	144	72	71	136	17	28	4	3	33	9	11	8	31	21
Blasphemy.....	175	818	1,988	3,033	3,033	308	311	90	28	591	129	111	137	246	175
Not stated.....	38	107	95	252	319	79	95	16	4	97	20	8	11	29	25
All other offenses.....	136	591	354	1,405	1,746	404	215	46	8	274	111	39	95	89	135
Total.....	1,347	5,872	7,108	16,081	24,886	4,605	3,765	798	183	4,487	1,110	680	1,201	2,207	1,672

Most serious offense of which previously convicted

Offense charged at time of current arrest	Family and children	Liquor laws	Driving while intoxicated	Road and driving laws	Parking	Other traffic and motor vehicle laws	Disorderly conduct	Drunkenness	Vagrancy	Gambling	Suspension	Not stated	All other offenses	Total
Criminal homicide.....	4	85	12	21		12	68	72	39	25	3	6	70	1,024
Robbery.....	10	130	40	28		57	188	265	272	45	10	20	255	4,611
Assault.....	77	392	156	50		118	664	690	296	121	13	42	375	6,943
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	47	213	93	45		95	338	548	414	61	20	38	624	1,388
Larceny—larceny.....	90	463	187	84		182	623	1,171	1,110	19	4	11	229	3,016
Embezzlement.....	21	131	51	31		47	130	360	307	44	18	34	271	4,760
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	40	150	82	36		47	130	360	307	44	18	34	271	4,760
Arson.....	3	57	12	7		18	30	32	20	13	1	8	46	716
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	1	12	2			6	6	11	4	1			7	125
Rape.....	15	55	32	15		23	54	113	83	14	3	15	119	2,468
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	9	38	23	18		34	71	72	41	17	1	11	94	1,187
Other sex offenses.....	3	32	3	2		1	27	128	31	5	2	1	18	332
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	14	29	31	1		23	60	46	62	15	1	13	47	1,523
Offenses against family and children.....	10	71	20	14		16	60	78	37	31	8	10	112	1,381
Liquor laws.....	139	48	40	15		38	60	142	37	6	1	9	90	1,131
Driving while intoxicated.....	10	608	29	15		11	54	135	42	59	7	17	74	1,769
Road and driving laws.....	26	234	664	99		76	122	817	91	21	8	25	130	3,646
Parking violations.....	5	48	48	60		32	22	73	19	4		2	43	638
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	11	75	9	46		112	62	14	52	15			1	1,557
Drunkenness.....	39	205	147	44		219	1,038	1,103	507	40	14	37	379	6,412
Vagrancy.....	185	779	982	159		219	1,015	13,698	1,720	127	42	86	1,011	27,437
Gambling.....	81	360	196	47		90	763	2,515	3,754	96	59	76	1,280	17,068
Suspicion.....	9	153	10	11		24	39	58	63	233	5	12	44	1,165
Not stated.....	85	503	193	97		157	648	1,462	1,016	113	77	86	1,160	15,436
All other offenses.....	34	68	46	7		23	80	171	118	3	3	66	1,011	1,109
Total.....	1,127	5,155	3,339	1,027	3	1,691	6,705	25,110	11,520	1,280	381	1,272	9,387	143,969

TABLE 98.—Number of cases in which fingerprint records show the persons arrested had previously been convicted one or more times, female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged at time of current arrest	Most serious offense of which previously convicted														
	Crim- inal homi- cide	Rob- bery	Assault	Bur- glary	Lar- ceny	Auto theft	Embez- zlement and fraud	Stolen prop- erty	Arson	Forgery and coun- terfeit- ing	Rape	Prosti- tution and com- moral- ized vice	Sex of- fenses	Drug laws	Wear- ons
Criminal homicide.....	2	1	9	2	6					1		1	4		2
Robbery.....	1	2	4	1	10			2		2		21	6	2	
Assault.....	12	5	50	4	38		2			3		29	7	1	
Burglary—breaking or entering.....			3	8	18			1	1	1		6	1		
Larceny—steal.....	4	12	22	11	224		8	4		11		60	10	15	2
Auto theft.....					2					1		1	1		
Embezzlement and fraud.....					21		20	1		8		1		2	
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	1		1		5			1		1		1			
Forgery and counterfeiting.....					13		7			13		7		1	
Rape.....															
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	8	17	34	6	98	6	9	3	2	8		524	30	55	1
Other sex offenses.....	1	1	3		8	1	1			2		26	9	4	
Narcotic drug laws.....					23	3	2			5		66	3	54	1
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....							1		1			3		1	
Offenses against family and children.....			3		6					1		2			
Labor laws.....										1		15	4		2
Driving while intoxicated.....			15		13			2		1		3		2	
Road and driving laws.....					2										
Parking violations.....															
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....															
Disorderly conduct.....	3	1	35	2	36		1	1	1	4		1	1		
Drunkennes.....	6	6	41	5	56		3	5	2	3		38	14	10	3
Vagrancy.....	2	8	17	4	48		3	8	3	6		77	25	8	8
Gambling.....			1									104	17	25	2
Suspicion.....	4	7	22	3	107	3	15	2		13		106	13	24	2
Not stated.....			3	3	5		1	1		1		12	1	4	
All other offenses.....	5	3	10	2	22	1	4	2		7		26	15	8	
Total.....	49	64	273	48	776	21	86	24	5	89	0	1,133	161	219	28

Most serious offense of which previously convicted

Offense charged at time of current arrest	Family and children	Liquor laws	Driving while intoxicated	Road and driving laws	Parking	Other traffic and motor vehicle laws	Disorderly conduct	Drunkenness	Vagrancy	Gambling	Supplication	Not stated	All other offenses	Total
Criminal homicide.....		4					9	2	2				3	48
Robbery.....		4					21	5	12				4	109
Assault.....		9	1			2	40	35	11		1		9	265
Burglary—breaking or entering.....		2					7	10	10		3	1	2	70
Larceny—steal.....	1	12	5			1	73	48	47	3	2	6	25	606
Auto theft.....			1				1	3	3				1	14
Embezzlement and fraud.....		2	1				4	10	3			1	1	18
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....		1	1				1	4	1					12
Prison.....								2						5
Vagrancy and counterfeiting.....		1	2					4	3				2	55
Rape.....							1							0
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	3	24	2	2		3	94	63	138	1	4	11	25	1,171
Other sex offenses.....		3	1			1	15	26	13				9	123
Narcotic drug laws.....		1					22	8	42	1			6	230
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....		3					2	2	2	1				30
Offenses against family and children.....							1							5
Liquor laws.....		72	1				12	6	3	11		3	3	163
Driving while intoxicated.....		3	2	1			4	17	11		1	2	1	64
Road and driving laws.....								1	1					9
Parking violations.....														0
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	1	2	1				1	1				1	1	11
Disorderly conduct.....	1	11	1	1		1	128	84	11			2	11	417
Drunkenness.....	2	19	21			1	11	58	6	2	1	2	17	177
Vagrancy.....		16	2			2	54	83	143		1	5	13	1,011
Gambling.....								2		11				500
Supplication.....		8												27
Not stated.....	1	15	3	9			61	51	84	2	8	5	23	573
All other offenses.....	3	8	2			1	6	5	7			10	4	67
Total.....	12	220	57	6	0	12	657	1,049	650	38	22	133	191	6,022

TABLE 99.—Number of cases in which fingerprint records show one or more prior convictions, and the total of prior convictions disclosed by the records, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged	Number of records showing one or more prior convictions	Number of prior convictions of major offenses	Number of prior convictions of minor offenses	Total number of prior convictions disclosed
Criminal homicide.....	1,072	1,179	1,032	2,211
Robbery.....	4,720	6,851	4,566	11,437
Assault.....	7,208	8,221	7,841	16,062
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	9,875	15,666	8,925	24,591
Larceny— theft.....	15,994	26,031	19,755	45,786
Auto theft.....	3,030	4,305	2,314	6,619
Embezzlement and fraud.....	4,838	7,269	4,115	11,384
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	728	942	655	1,597
Arson.....	130	136	97	233
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	2,323	4,329	1,797	6,326
Rape.....	1,187	1,427	1,000	2,427
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	1,544	1,911	1,355	3,266
Other sex offenses.....	1,458	1,649	1,662	3,311
Narcotic drug laws.....	1,762	4,714	2,119	6,833
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	1,411	1,788	1,264	3,062
Offenses against family and children.....	1,136	1,048	946	1,994
Liquor laws.....	1,962	1,439	2,351	3,790
Driving while intoxicated.....	3,700	2,926	3,818	6,744
Road and driving laws.....	647	497	617	1,114
Parking violations.....	5	8	10	18
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	1,568	1,482	1,588	3,070
Disorderly conduct.....	6,849	5,912	11,941	17,353
Drunkenness.....	28,448	16,089	63,234	79,323
Vagrancy.....	17,628	16,228	23,617	39,845
Gambling.....	1,192	1,320	1,082	2,402
Suspicion.....	16,009	19,410	19,084	38,494
Not stated.....	2,008	2,679	2,035	4,714
All other offenses.....	11,389	13,663	15,080	28,743
Total.....	150,021	169,319	203,620	372,939

**Race.**—Whites were represented by 411,679 of the records examined and Negroes by 120,863. The remaining races were represented as follows: Indian, 2,651; Chinese, 837; Japanese, 238; Mexican, 16,028; all others, 2,080.

The significance of the figures showing the number of Negroes arrested as compared with the number of whites can best be indicated in terms of the number of each in the general population of the country. Exclusive of those under 15 years of age, there were, according to the 1930 decennial census, 8,041,014 Negroes, 13,069,192 foreign-born whites, and 64,365,193 native whites in the United States. Of each 100,000 Negroes, 1,503 were arrested and fingerprinted during 1938, whereas the corresponding figure for native whites was 571 and for foreign-born whites 209. Figures for individual types of violations may be found in the following tabulations. It should be observed in connection with the foregoing data that the figure for native whites includes the immediate descendants of foreign-born individuals. Persons desiring to make a thorough study of the comparative amounts of crime committed by native whites and foreign-born whites should employ available compilations showing the number of instances in which offenders are of foreign or mixed parentage.

TABLE 100.—Distribution of arrests according to race, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged	Race						
	White	Negro	Indian	Chinese	Japanese	Mexican	All others
Criminal homicide.....	3,733	2,529	27	8	4	162	44
Robbery.....	10,163	3,914	52	8	10	409	142
Assault.....	17,194	12,467	130	23	11	890	263
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	26,298	8,499	111	12	8	722	128
Larceny—thft.....	44,619	16,309	249	37	10	1,487	137
Auto theft.....	10,844	1,675	45	3	4	358	29
Embezzlement and fraud.....	16,388	2,253	72	7	6	462	38
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	2,814	896	7	6	5	65	17
Arson.....	793	138	5				
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	7,269	714	41	4	4	109	21
Rape.....	4,704	1,303	24	16	2	219	63
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	4,664	1,724	24	3	1	143	8
Other sex offenses.....	6,598	1,036	21	8	6	178	41
Narcotic drug laws.....	2,553	779	17	444	6	291	74
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	3,301	2,541	12	13	3	166	89
Offenses against family and children.....	5,786	915	14	2		177	16
Liquor laws.....	4,287	3,829	28	7	5	86	5
Driving while intoxicated.....	18,438	1,481	185	2	19	1,012	32
Road and driving laws.....	2,971	989	21	3	6	145	15
Parking violations.....	12	5					
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	5,323	1,592	25	4	8	284	60
Disorderly conduct.....	17,781	6,724	139	18	9	858	91
Drunkenness.....	67,699	9,656	775	9	42	4,036	95
Vagrancy.....	40,535	9,912	199	36	16	1,726	267
Gambling.....	4,009	2,942	1	103	30	63	85
Suspicion.....	46,478	16,044	240	33	12	1,162	156
Not stated.....	6,328	1,425	34	6		186	23
All other offenses.....	30,097	8,570	153	21	11	628	141
Total.....	411,679	120,863	2,651	837	238	16,028	2,080

TABLE 101.—Distribution of arrests according to race, male, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged	Race						
	White	Negro	Indian	Chinese	Japanese	Mexican	All others
Criminal homicide.....	3,525	2,122	25	8	4	158	43
Robbery.....	9,838	3,667	47	8	10	408	142
Assault.....	16,684	10,544	125	23	11	878	263
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	25,963	8,306	110	12	8	713	128
Larceny—thft.....	42,195	14,365	233	37	10	1,424	135
Auto theft.....	10,691	1,641	45	3	4	355	29
Embezzlement and fraud.....	15,767	2,049	72	7	6	459	38
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	2,697	768	5	6	5	62	16
Arson.....	745	117	5	1			
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	6,901	628	39	4	4	103	21
Rape.....	4,704	1,303	24	16	2	219	63
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	1,047	431	8	3	1	25	7
Other sex offenses.....	5,826	807	16	8	6	166	40
Narcotic drug laws.....	1,673	589	10	443	6	247	70
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	3,239	2,373	12	13	3	166	89
Offenses against family and children.....	5,665	881	14	2		176	16
Liquor laws.....	3,944	2,915	27	7	5	80	4
Driving while intoxicated.....	17,993	1,448	183	2	19	1,005	31
Road and driving laws.....	2,934	972	20	3	6	145	15
Parking violations.....	11	5					
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	5,250	1,557	22	4	8	283	60
Disorderly conduct.....	16,147	5,481	127	18	9	829	89
Drunkenness.....	64,584	8,576	728	9	42	3,972	90
Vagrancy.....	38,226	9,225	175	36	16	1,653	263
Gambling.....	3,910	2,646	1	103	30	62	85
Suspicion.....	43,346	14,646	223	33	12	1,122	155
Not stated.....	5,934	1,267	28	6		183	23
All other offenses.....	28,730	8,010	138	21	11	595	140
Total.....	388,172	107,341	2,462	836	238	15,492	2,055



TABLE 102.—Distribution of arrests according to race, female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938

Offense charged	Race						
	White	Negro	Indian	Chinese	Japanese	Mexican	All others
Criminal homicide.....	208	407	2	—	—	4	1
Robbery.....	325	247	5	—	—	1	—
Assault.....	510	1,923	5	—	—	12	—
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	335	193	1	—	—	9	—
Larceny—steal.....	2,424	1,944	16	—	—	3	2
Auto theft.....	153	34	—	—	—	6	—
Embezzlement and fraud.....	621	204	—	—	—	3	—
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	117	128	2	—	—	3	1
Arson.....	45	21	—	—	—	—	—
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	368	86	2	—	—	6	—
Rape.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	3,617	1,293	16	—	—	118	1
Other sex offenses.....	772	229	5	—	—	12	1
Narcotic drug laws.....	880	190	7	1	—	44	4
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	62	168	—	—	—	—	—
Offenses against family and children.....	121	34	—	—	—	1	—
Liquor laws.....	343	914	1	—	—	6	1
Driving while intoxicated.....	445	33	2	—	—	7	1
Road and driving laws.....	37	17	1	—	—	—	—
Parking violations.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	73	35	3	—	—	—	—
Disorderly conduct.....	1,634	1,243	12	—	—	29	2
Drunkenness.....	3,115	1,080	47	—	—	64	5
Vagrancy.....	2,309	687	24	—	—	73	4
Gambling.....	99	296	—	—	—	1	—
Suspicion.....	3,132	1,398	17	—	—	40	1
Not stated.....	304	158	6	—	—	3	—
All other offenses.....	1,367	560	15	—	—	23	1
Total.....	23,507	13,522	189	1	—	536	25

TABLE 103.—Number of arrests of Negroes and whites in proportion to the number of each in the general population of the country, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1938, rate per 100,000 of population

[Excluding those under 15 years of age]

Offense charged	Native white	Foreign-born white	Negro
Criminal homicide.....	4.9	3.8	31.5
Robbery.....	14.2	3.0	48.7
Assault.....	22.0	20.4	155.0
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	38.1	7.8	105.7
Larceny—steal.....	64.0	19.1	202.8
Auto theft.....	16.0	2.0	20.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	21.2	7.8	28.0
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	3.5	3.6	11.1
Arson.....	1.0	1.0	1.7
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	10.4	2.5	8.9
Rape.....	6.5	3.1	16.2
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	6.7	1.4	21.4
Other sex offenses.....	8.6	6.0	12.9
Narcotic drug laws.....	3.7	1.1	0.7
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	4.4	3.0	31.6
Offenses against family and children.....	8.0	4.4	11.4
Liquor laws.....	8.7	4.1	47.6
Driving while intoxicated.....	25.8	8.8	18.4
Road and driving laws.....	4.4	.9	12.3
Parking violations.....	(1)	(1)	.1
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	7.6	2.4	19.8
Disorderly conduct.....	24.7	12.8	83.6
Drunkenness.....	90.0	36.1	120.1
Vagrancy.....	56.1	17.6	123.3
Gambling.....	4.7	3.7	36.6
Suspicion.....	66.8	15.4	199.5
Not stated.....	9.0	3.0	17.7
All other offenses.....	43.0	14.5	106.6
Total.....	570.9	209.2	1,503.1

<sup>1</sup> Less than one-tenth of 1 per 100,000.

At the end of December 1938 there were 9,783,887 fingerprint records and 11,134,113 index cards containing the names and aliases of individuals on file in the Identification Division of the F B I. Of each 100 fingerprint cards received during 1938, more than 58 were identified with those on file in the Bureau. Fugitives numbering 7,741 were identified through fingerprint records during 1938, and interested law enforcement officials were immediately notified of the whereabouts of those fugitives. As of December 31, 1938, there were 10,684 police departments, peace officers, and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and foreign countries voluntarily contributing fingerprints to the F B I.

1938

Total  
all  
races

622  
578  
2,450  
538  
4,449  
190  
628  
251  
66  
462  
0  
5,045  
1,019  
1,126  
230  
156  
1,265  
488  
55  
1  
112  
2,920  
4,311  
3,097  
396  
4,588  
561  
1,976

37,780

number  
Dec. 31,

Negro

31.5  
48.7  
155.0  
105.7  
202.8  
20.8  
28.0  
11.1  
1.7  
8.9  
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